

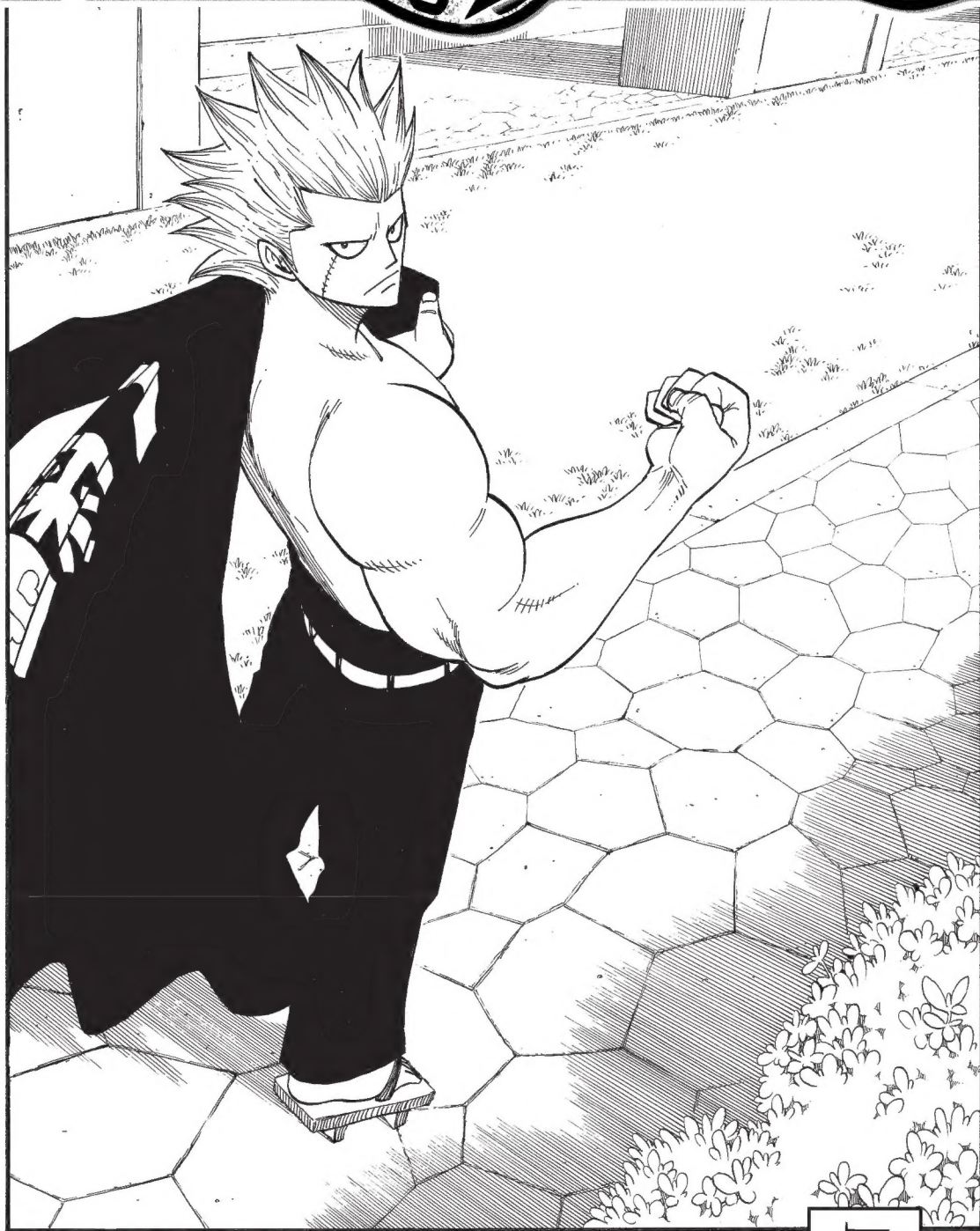


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Hiro Mashima

Creator of Rave Master

FAIRY TAIL



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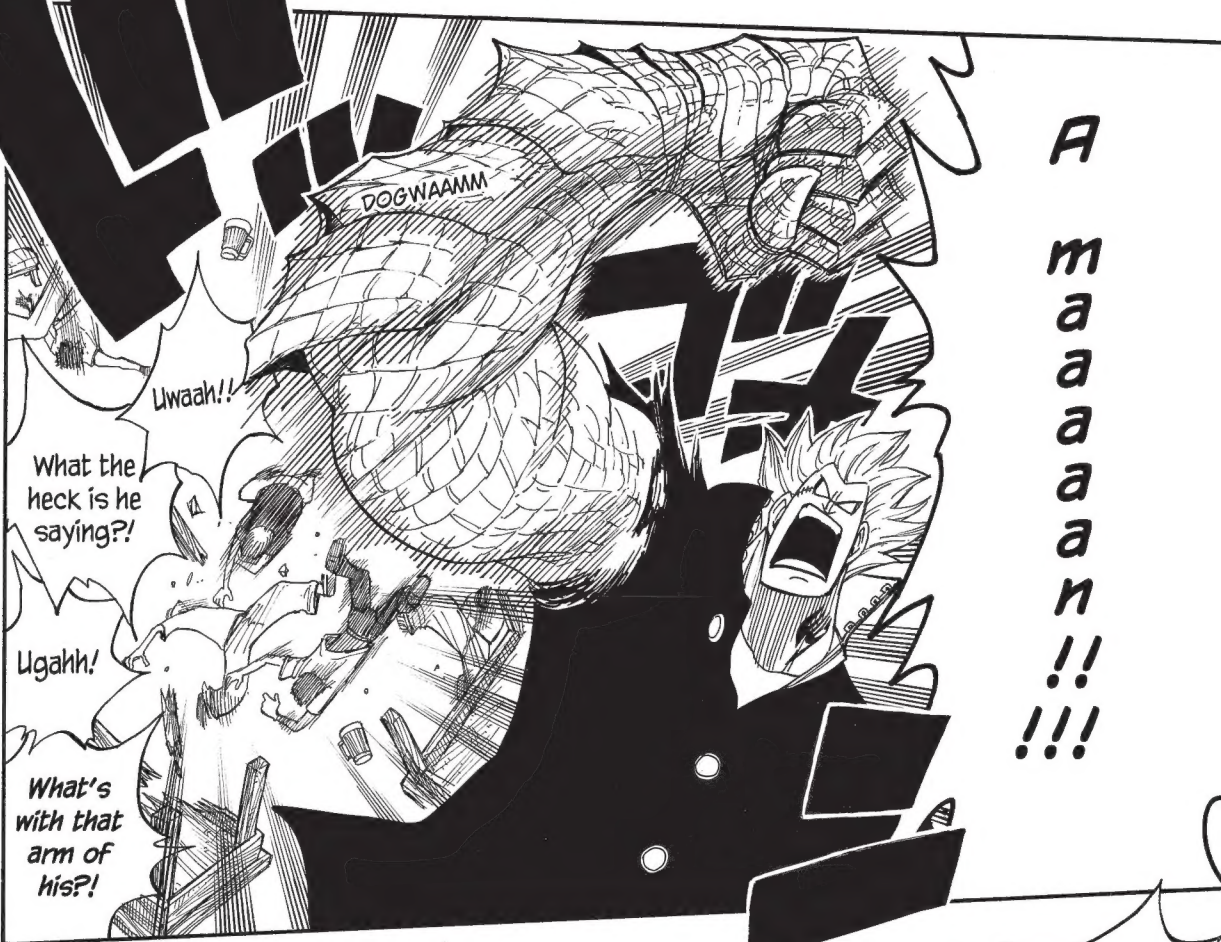


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Chapter 49:

**The Moon Can Be Hidden by Clouds;
Flowers Can Be Scattered by the Wind**





**He is
Beast-arm
Elfman!!!!**

Elfman!!!

Fairy Tail Member:
Elfman

He took over the power
of a beast
he defeated,
and
integrated
it into his
arm!

**I'm going up
to see if he's
breathing! And
if he is, I'll put a
stop to it!!!**

**I suspect
that Jose is
on the top
floor!**

**Erza!!! You
handle things
here!!!**

**Now's
the time
to shake
things up
a little!!**

**So the most
annoying of
them has left
the scene!**

**Heh
heh...**

**Be
careful!**

WHOOSH

**TMP
TMP
TMP**



Come on,
you trash!!!
The Iron
Dragonslayer
Gajeel-sama
will take you
all on!!!

What's
with this
guy? He's
taking out
his own
people,
too!!!

Nab!!!
Warren!!!





Even
if I am
trash,
I'm a
man!!!!

Hm?

Gee-
hee!

SST

GWOOD

BWAAM

WHOOSH

GRATCH

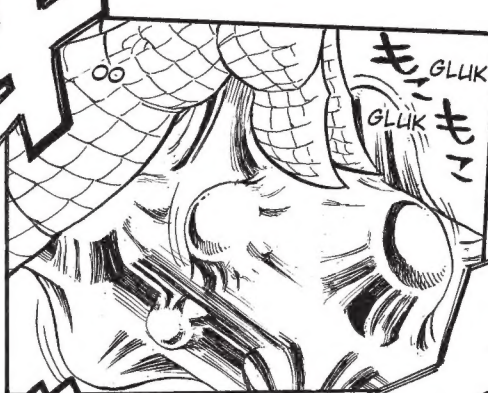
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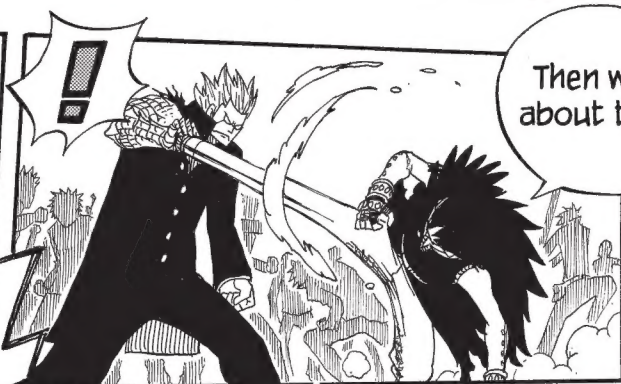
A man
must live
strong!!



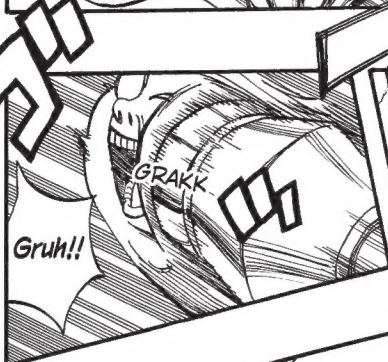
Ho!
You
aren't
bad!



GLUK
GLUK
もこ
もこ



Then what
about this?



Gruh!!

GRAKK



GAH!

GWAPAA



Gajeel!!
Stop
it!!!

Gabukhi!

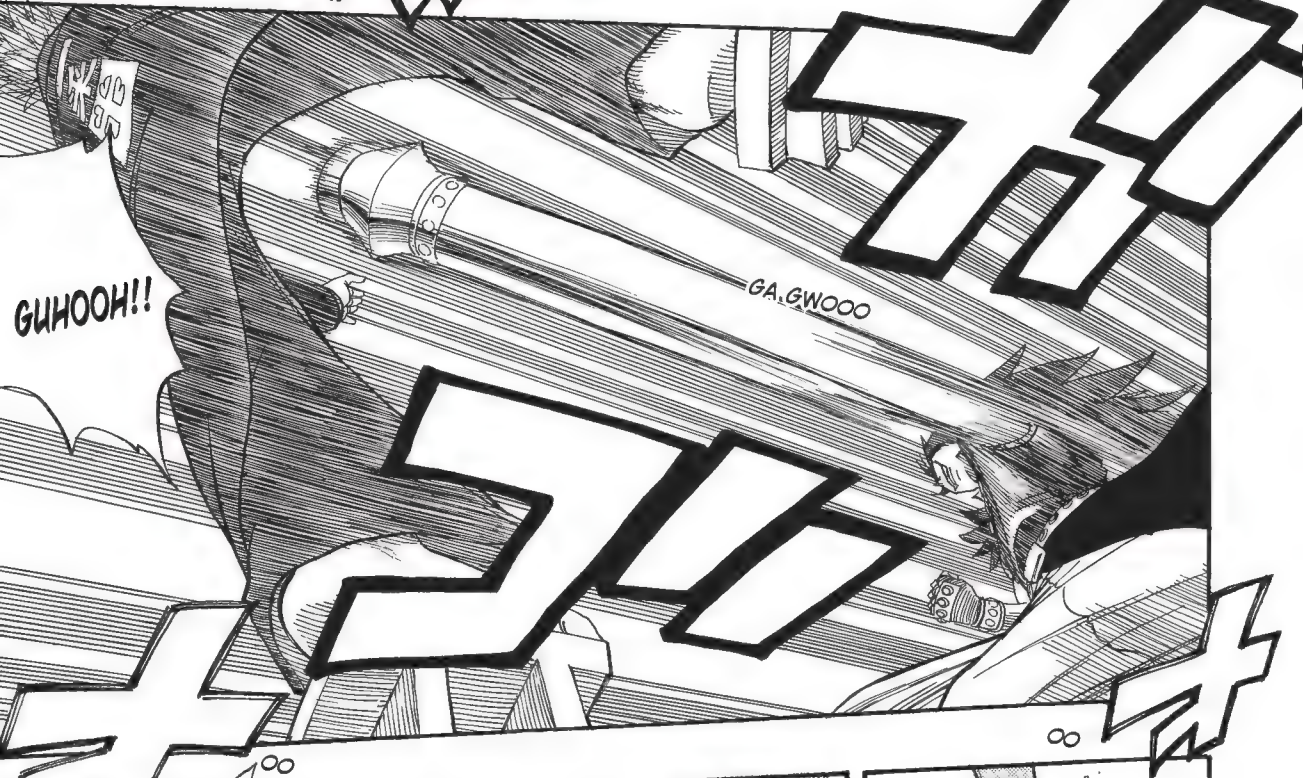
Ugeh!!

DONK

WHUK

CRASH

SNAP





**Gajeel
!!!!**



**I am
Fairy
Tail's
dragon
slayer
!!!!**



**You
step
over me
to...**

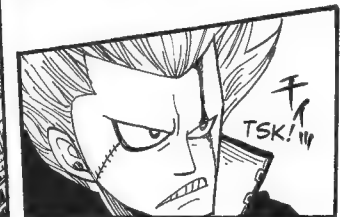
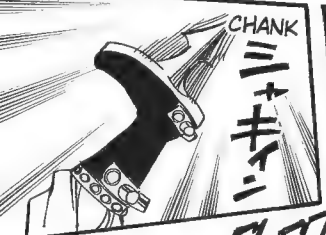


**I've never
seen that
happen
before!!!**

**Hey!!!
Somebody
managed
to punch
Gajeel
out!!!**









Wh-Wh-
What's
going
on?!!

This
doesn't
sound
good!

An earth-
quake?!!

Wh-
What's
that?!

!!!

The wrath
of the
giant!!
And no one
can stop it
now!!

This is
Master
Makarov's
rage!

Prepare your
souls!! As
long as we
have the
Master,
we cannot
lose!!!

That is a
man!!!
Master
Makarov!!!

You gotta
be kidding
me!!!
The whole
guild is
shaking...

E-Eeeee
!!!







The only triumphs I desire are from a battle of wits.

A battle between two wizard saints should only happen during a true cataclysm.



You're just a thought projection?!!

You coward... You already scammed from your own guild?!!



Where are you?!!

Let's have a fair fight!!!



Lucy?!!!

BWOOON



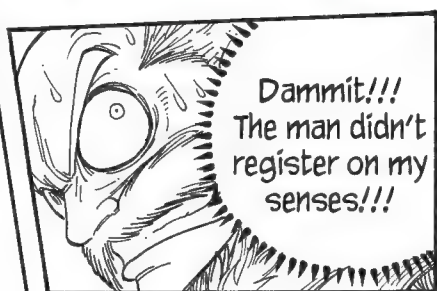
Don't
!!!!



Wh-
Why...?!?



Phantom Lord
Element 4:
Aria of the
Great Sky



Dammit!!!
The man didn't
register on my
senses!!!

G
w
a
a
h
h
!!!!

I'm so
sad!!!!

DOOOM

What's
going on?!!
I can't build
up any
power!!!

KRKL

KRKL

KRKL

KRKL

A
a
h
h
h
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!!!!

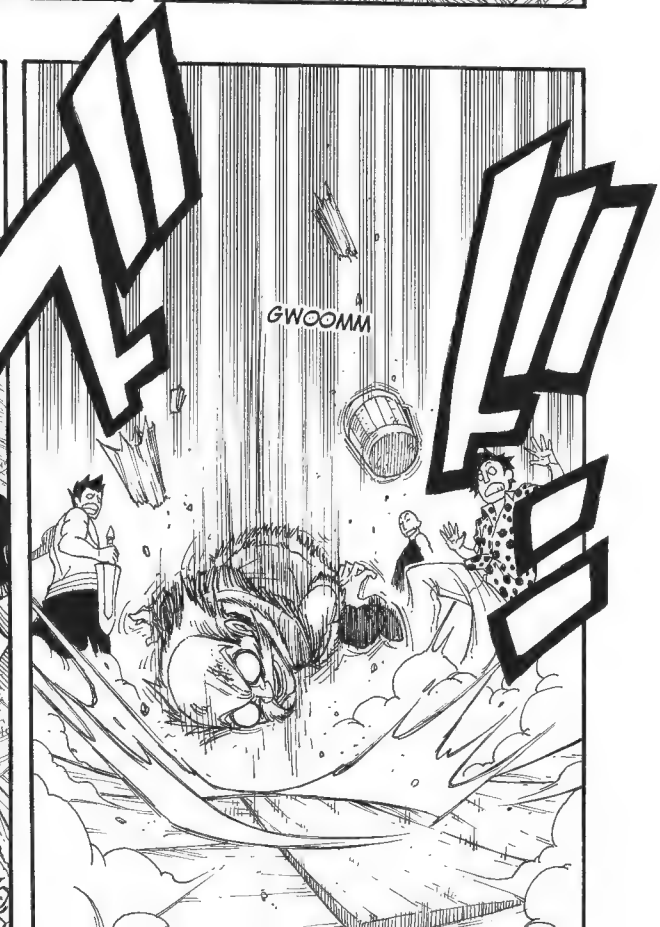
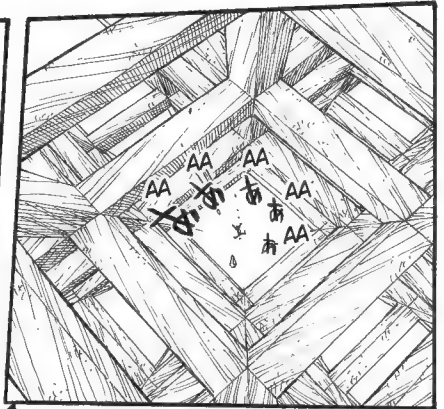
At least
not yet...
right?

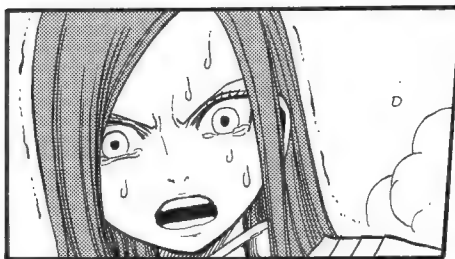
Ho ho ho! We
would never
think of killing
Lucy-sama!!

S
T
U
N
K

Of course,
it's no
longer your
concern.

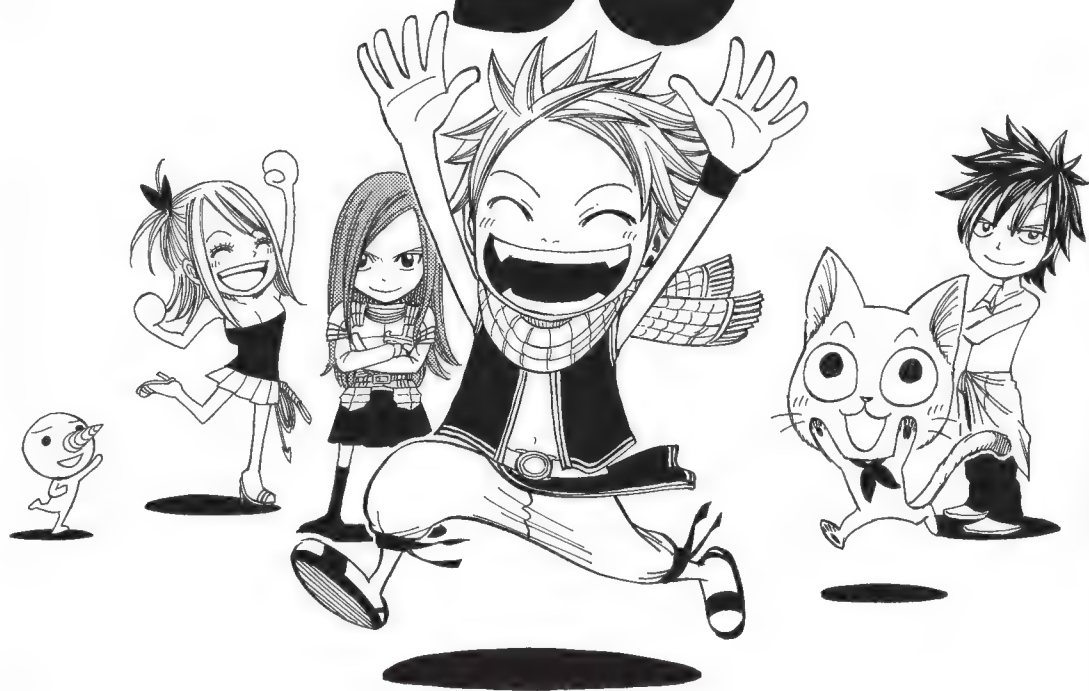
You must be
joking!!! She is a
member of your
own guild, and
yet you have no
idea of who Lucy
Heartfilia is?





FAIRY TAIL

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Chapter 50: Lucy Heartfilia





What...
What
could have
happened up
there?!!

We can beat
them now!!!
This reduces
their fighting
strength by
half!!!

I don't
believe it!!!
How could
they get the
best of the
Master?!!



HAHH

HAHH

HAHH



Yeah!!

Hyaah!!

Now's
our
chance!!!
Get
'em!!!



The fall in
morale is
even more
dangerous!!

FIPP

This is
bad! It
isn't
just our
fighting
strength.



Old
man!!!

THUMP

TMP

TMP

TMP



Retreat
!!!!

Everyone,
fall back and
regroup at the
guild!!!!



So can I!!!

I can keep going!!

A man never retreats!!!

We can't!!!



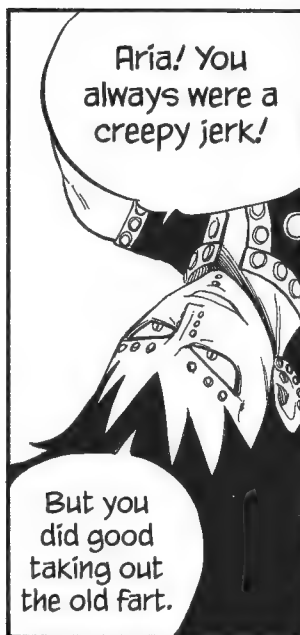
Aw, man! Are you going home already?

Gee hee hee!!



We can't beat Jose without the Master!!!

Retreat!!! That's an order!!!!



Aria! You always were a creepy jerk!

But you did good taking out the old fart.



スクウウ...

It's so sad...

YAAY

YAAY

YAAY

YAAY



So... Did they get this Lucy girl?

Do you have to cry at everything?!

It was so beautiful!!!

It was only a part of Master Jose's plan.

What's wrong, Natsu?

What?!!

She's confined at headquarters.

TWITCH

We'll have our chance at each other later...

... Salamander!!!

Gajeel!!!!

アウウ SST

ハ WHOOSH

Wait!!!

You think we'd let you run away, Fairy Tail?!!

Retreat!!!
Fall back!!!

Eh?!!

They've captured Lucy?

What do you expect?!!
I'm going to rescue Lucy!!!

Natsu!!!
What are you doing?!!

Ohh?

You're coming with me!!

GRIMP





**Talk
!!**



Uwaah!!

That's
hot-

GWOO

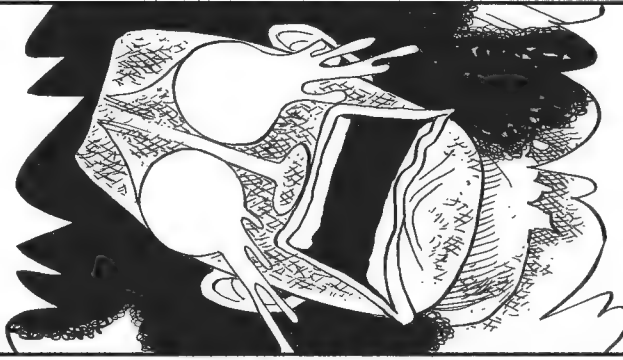
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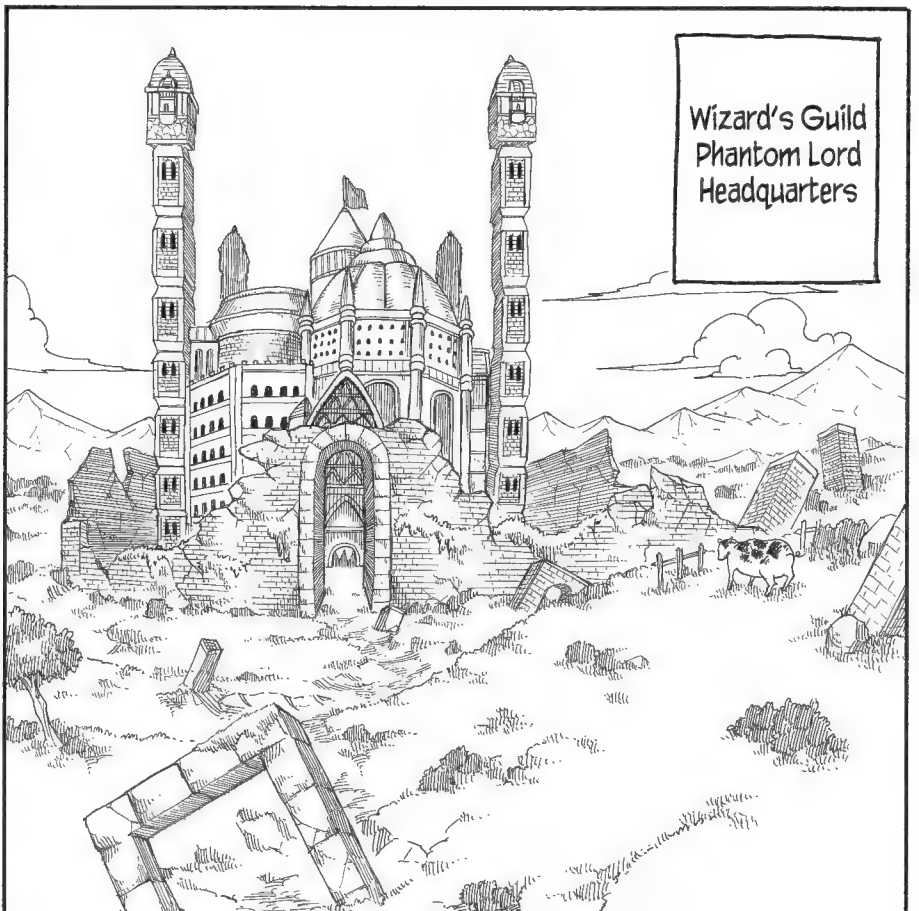
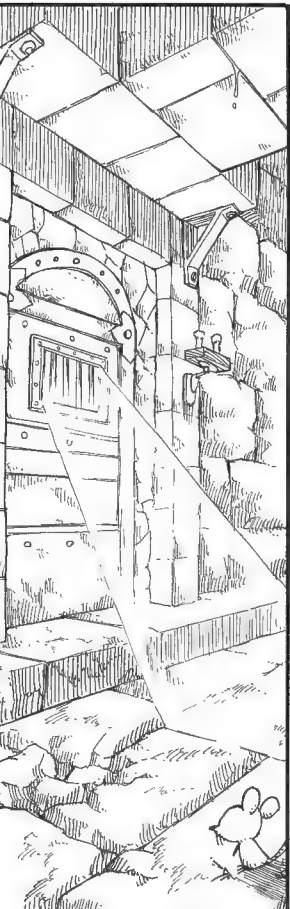
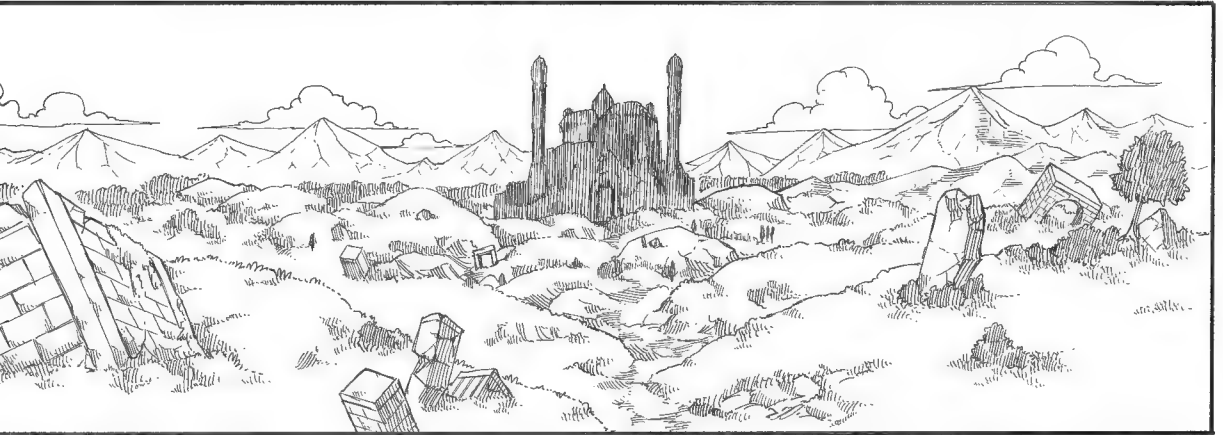
*If any more
of my
friends are
hurt...*

*...you will be
blasted into
ashes!!!!*

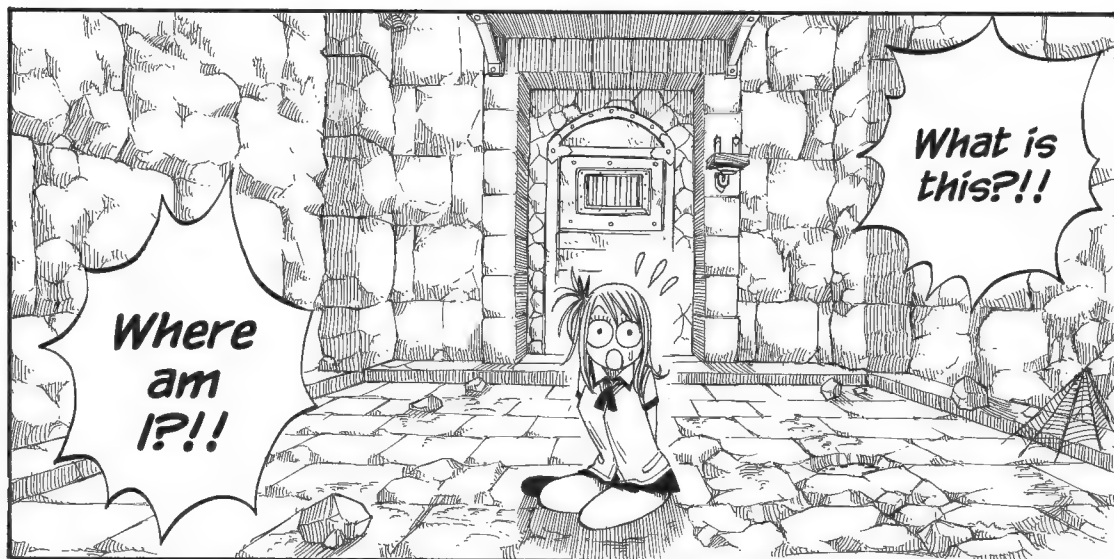
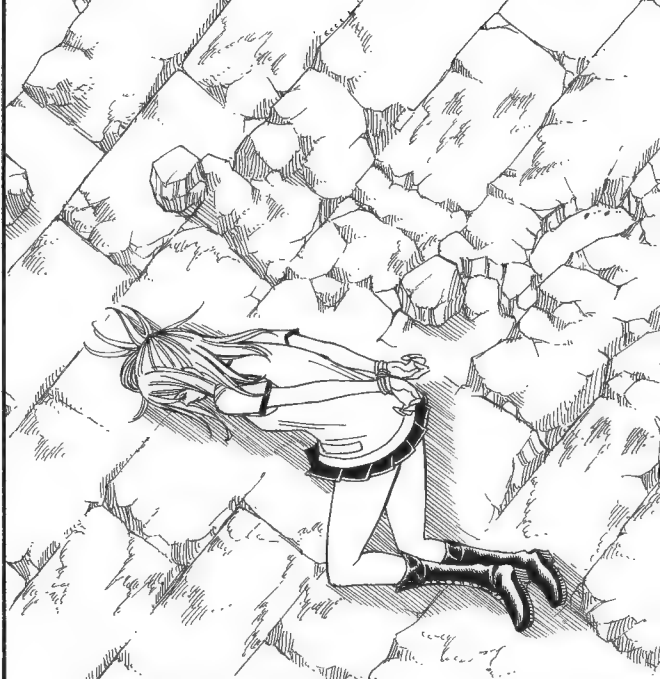
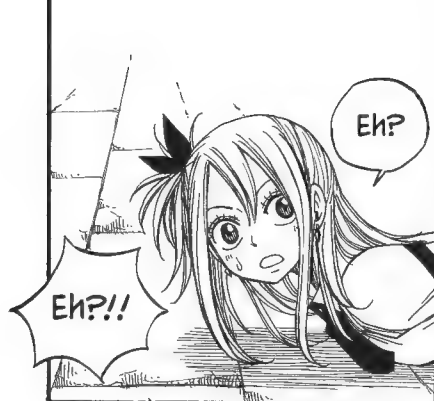
But...our
headquarters
is a little
farther this
way up the
hill!!! Sh-
She may be
there!!!!



Eee!!!
I-I don't
know!!!
I've really
never heard
that name
before!!!



Wizard's Guild
Phantom Lord
Headquarters





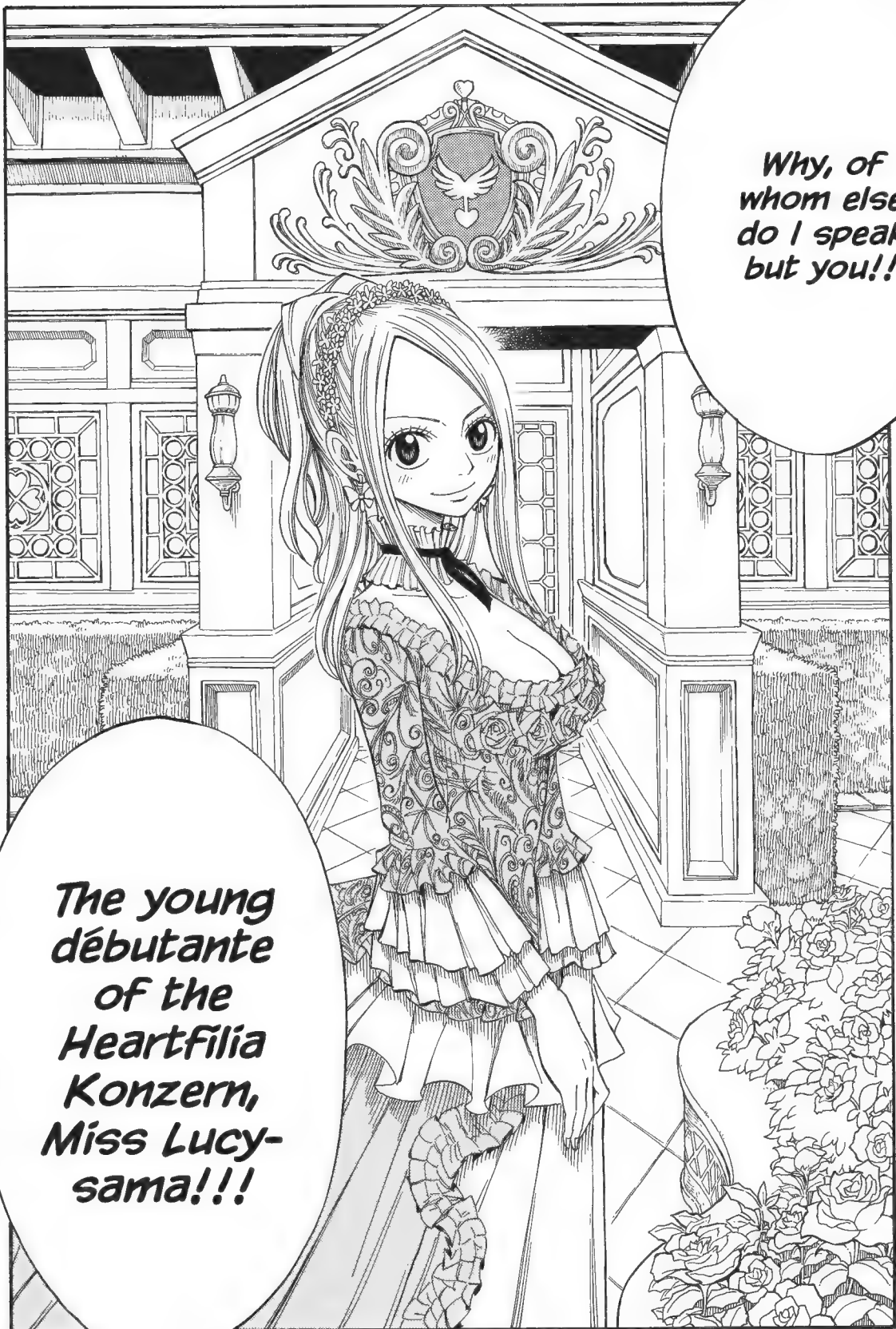
*I am called
Jose, the
Guild Master
of Phantom
Lord.*

Phantom Lord
Guild Master
Jose Porla



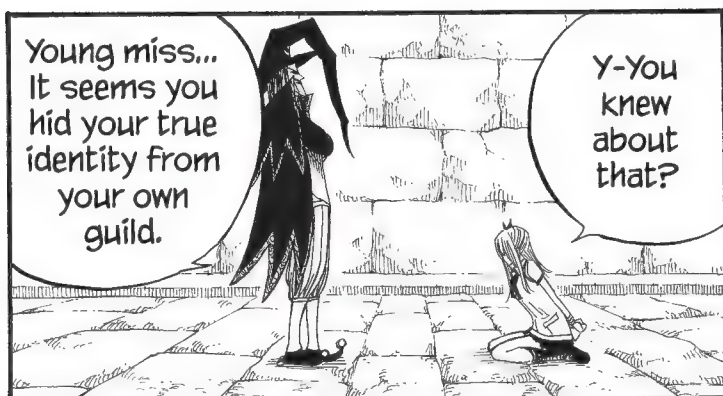






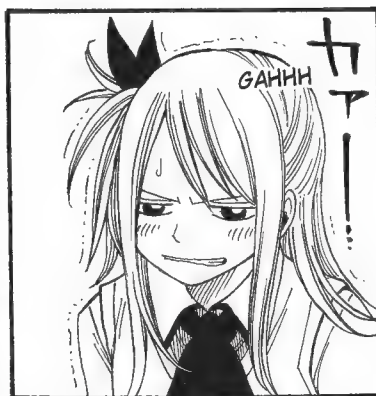
*Why, of
whom else
do I speak
but you!!*

*The young
débutante
of the
Heartfilia
Konzern,
Miss Lucy-
sama!!!*



Young miss...
It seems you
hid your true
identity from
your own
guild.

Y-You
knew
about
that?



GAHHH

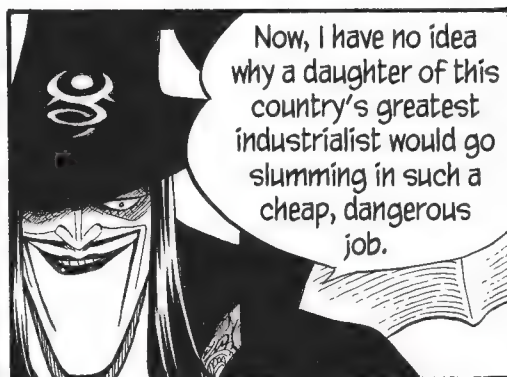


No, no!
Perish the
thought!!

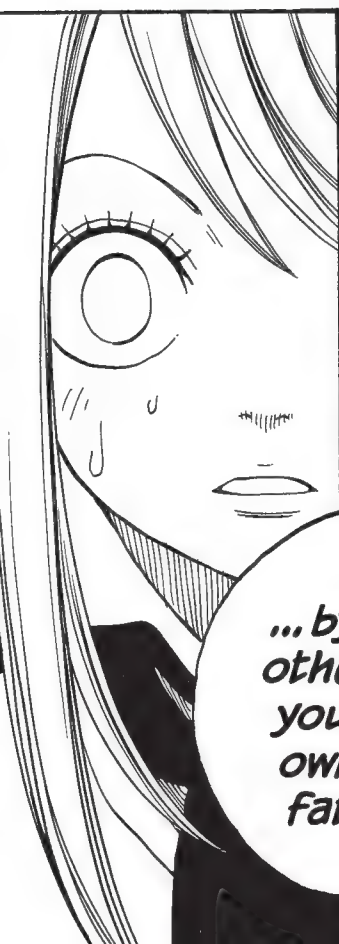


This is a
kidnap-
ping...

...right?



Now, I have no idea
why a daughter of this
country's greatest
industrialist would go
slumming in such a
cheap, dangerous
job.



...by none
other than
your very
own dear
father!!



We have been
commissioned
to escort you
home...

***That man
wouldn't
even
notice!!!***

***He
wouldn't
!!!***

The answer is obvious! Any parent would search the world over for a child who has run away.

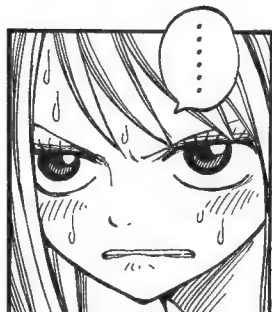
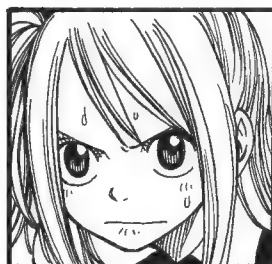
No...

That's a lie...

Why would he...

***I am never
going back
to that
house!!!!***

***Well,
I'm
never
going
back!!!!***



I'm afraid that is out of the question.

Let me go!!
Now!!!

Now, now!
Don't make
trouble,
young miss!



Be my guest.

No, I mean it...
Mmm...
I really need...

I never thought
you'd use
such an
old ruse.

Whatever!
I need to
go to the
bathroom!



You're
really
going to
do it?!!!

I have to use
a bucket?

Ho ho
ho... There
are many
ways
to deal
with old
tricks.





I've never heard of a debutante being so vulgar!!!

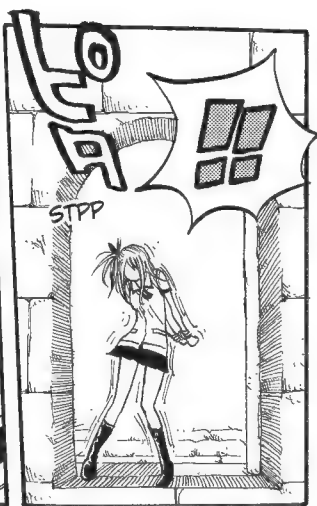
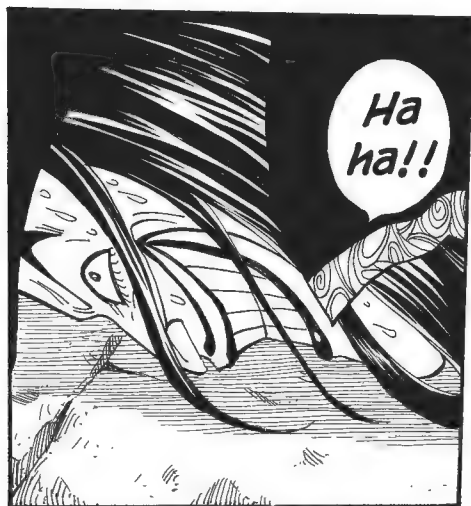
You soil the eyes of a gentleman like me!!

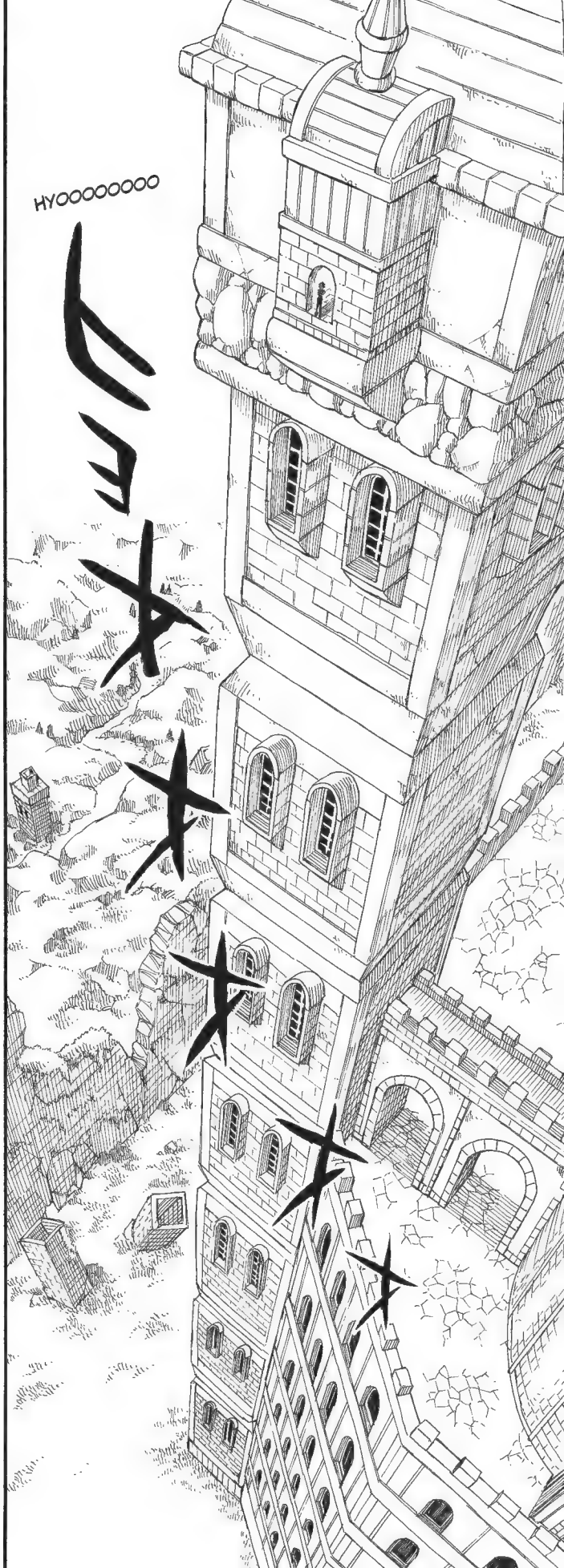
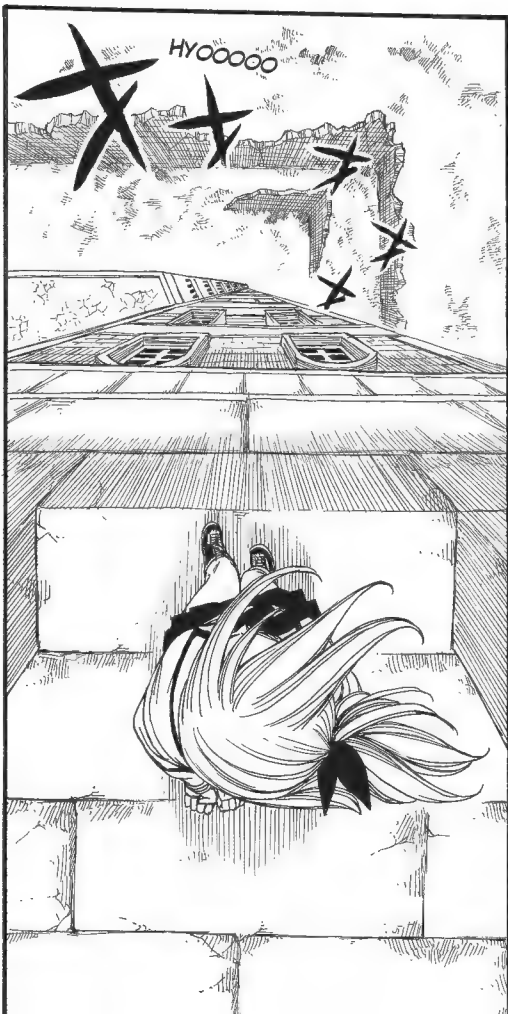


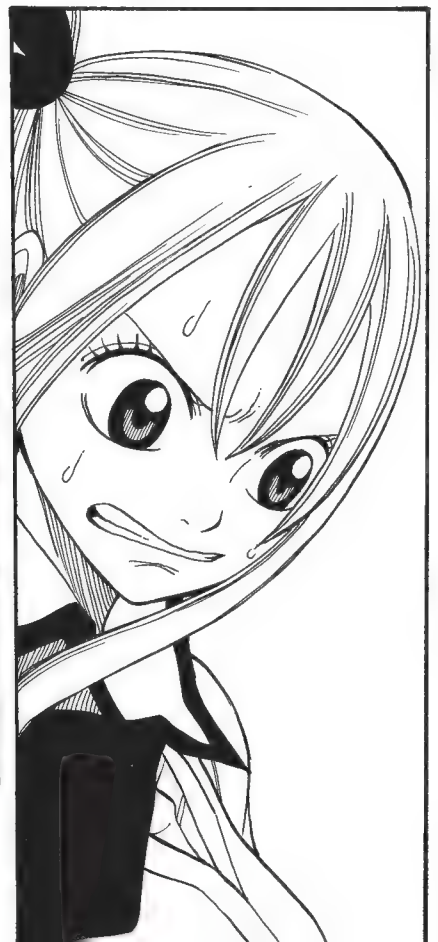
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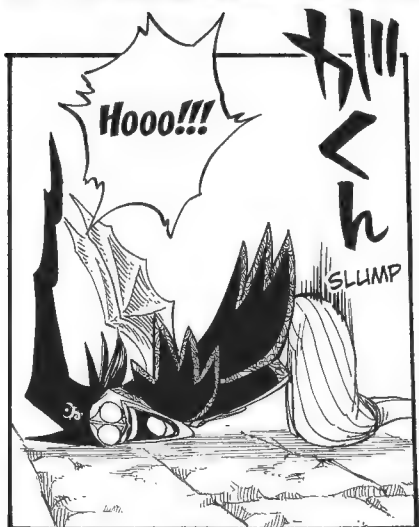
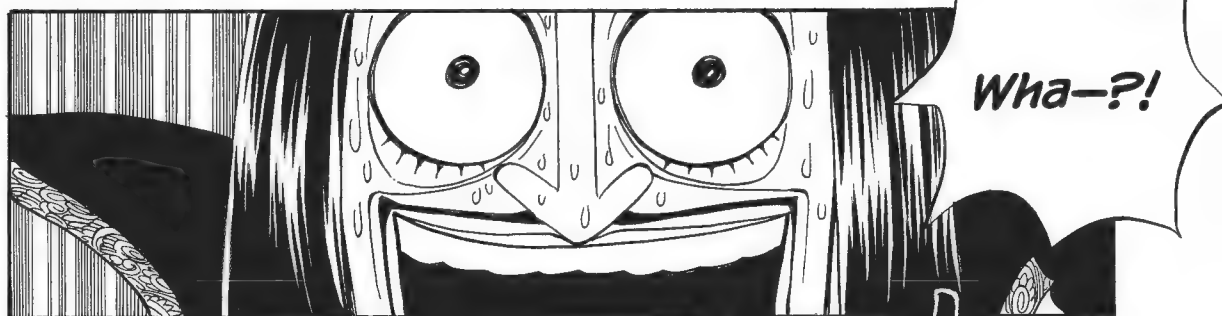
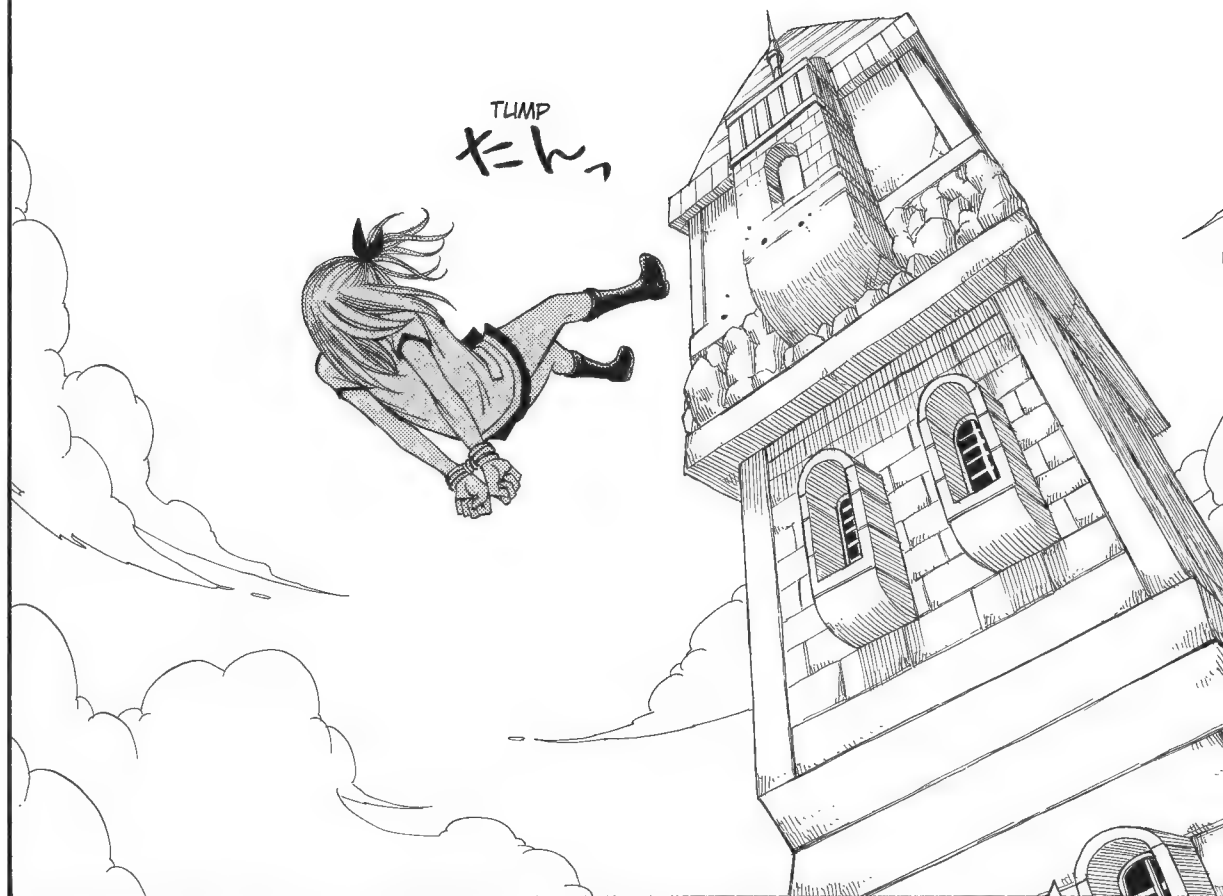
Umph!!!

NUGA A A H H H !!!



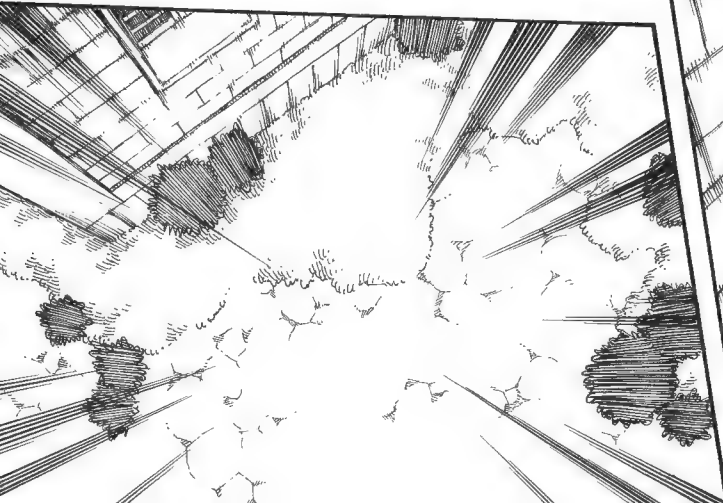
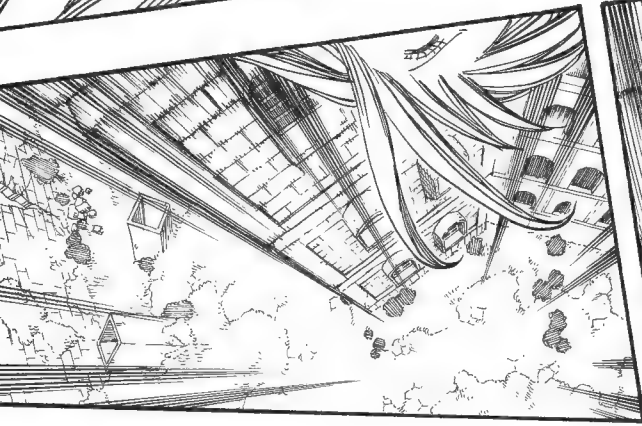








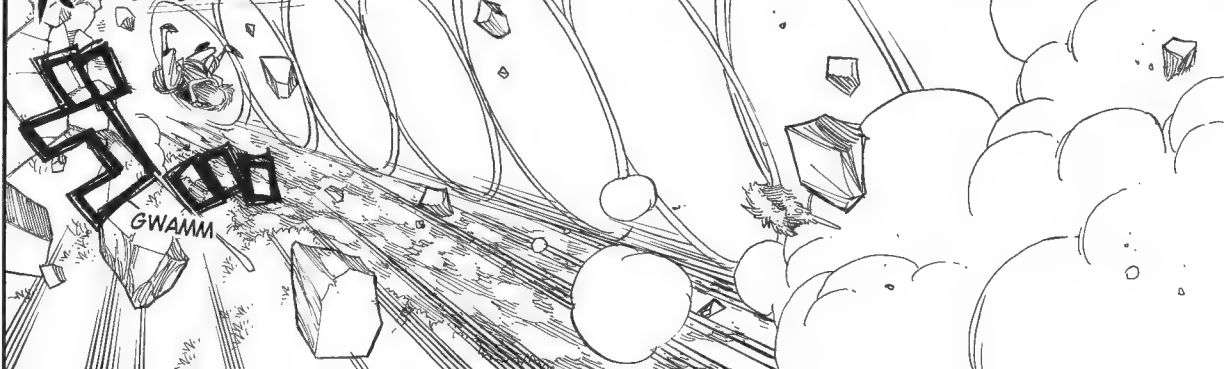
Natsu!!!!

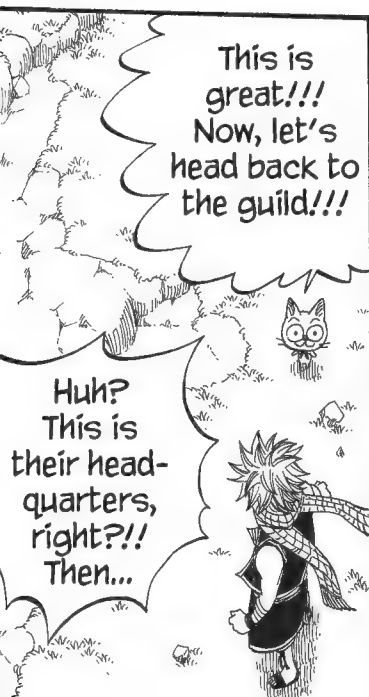
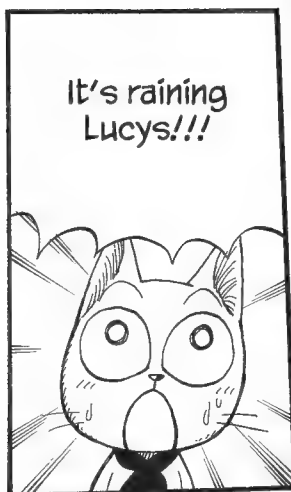




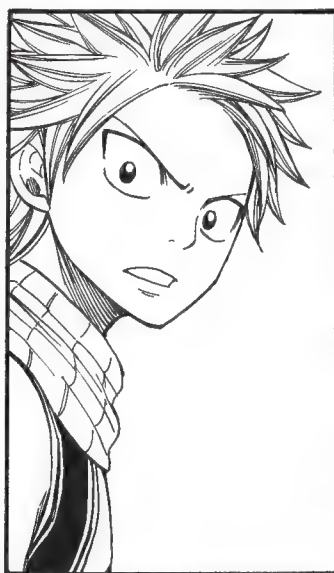
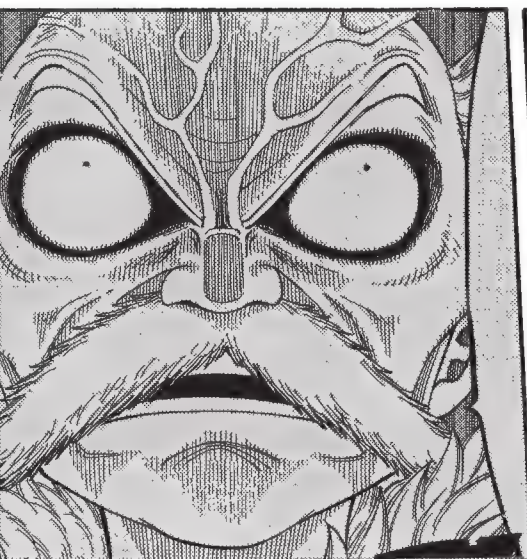
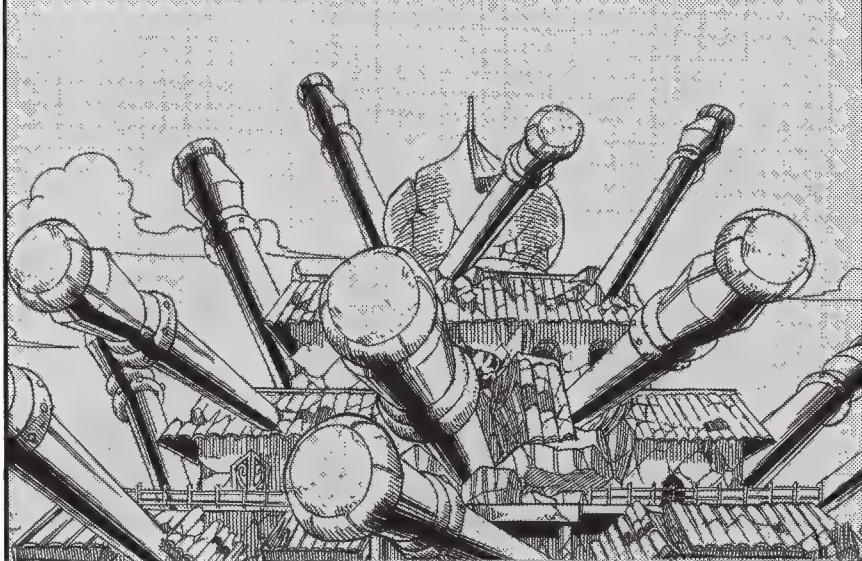
カカカカ...

SKRCH-KRAK-KRAK-KRAK





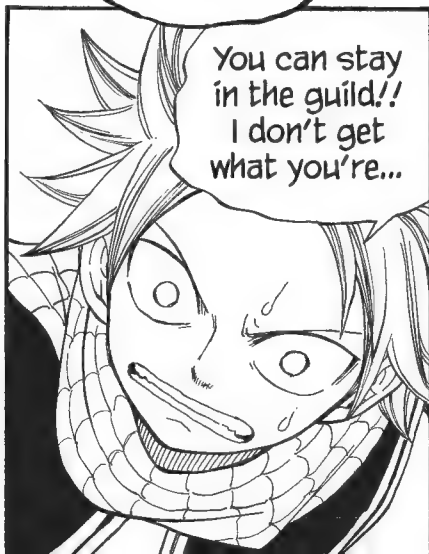






***I love
Fairy
Tail!!!***

***But even
so, I still
want to
stay in the
guild...***



***You can stay
in the guild!!
I don't get
what you're...***



***Wahh,
hic!***

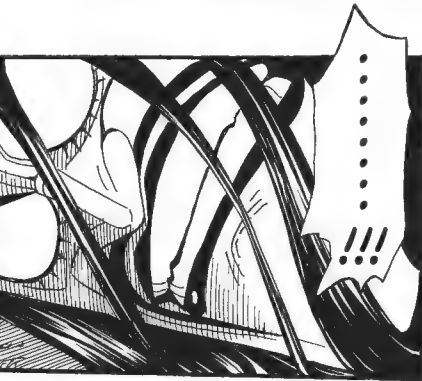
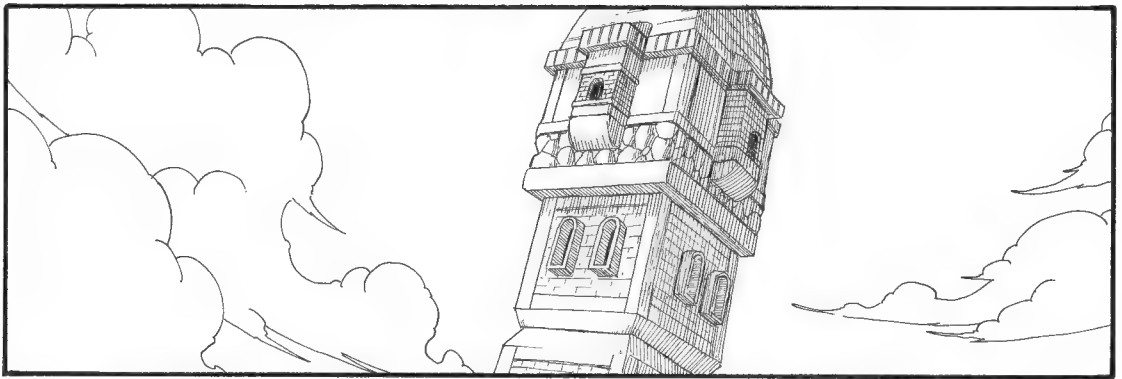
Aaa...

Aah...



Lucy...?

***H-Hey...
what's the
deal? What's
going on?***

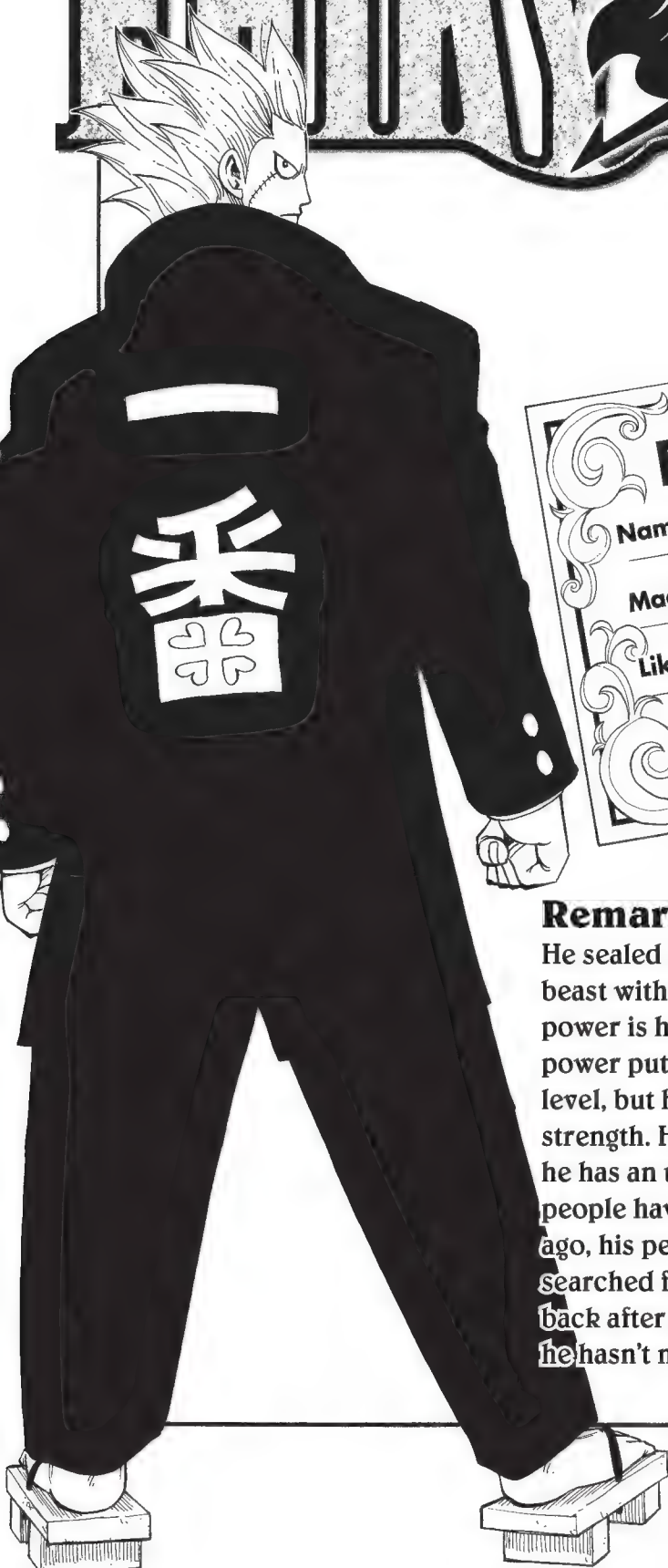




That little
witch really
got me
mad!!!

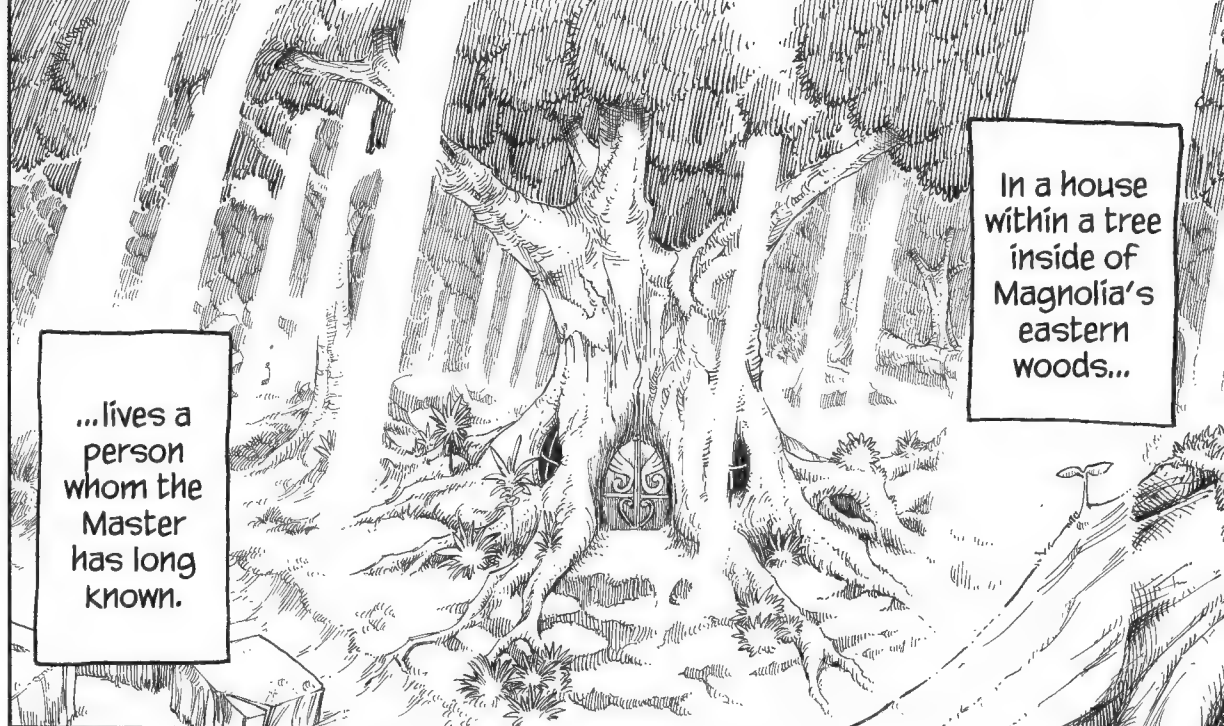
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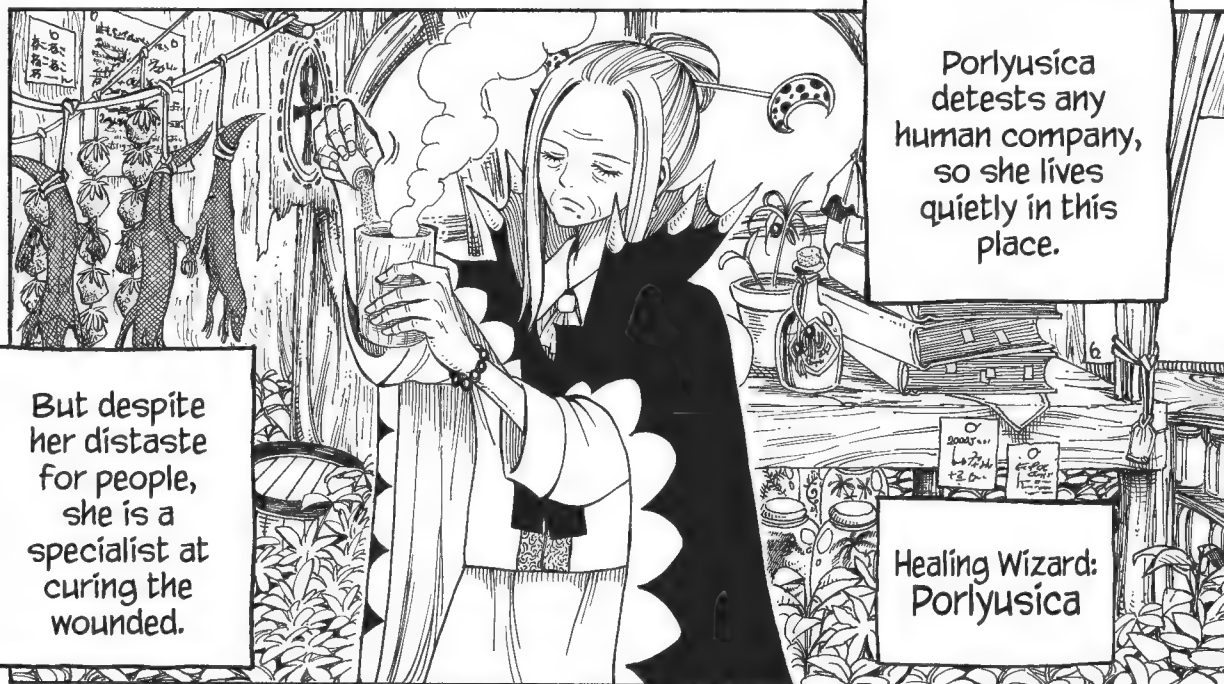
Remarks

He sealed the abilities of a defeated demon beast within his arm, and now, using its power is his magic specialty. Some say his power puts him right at Fairy Tail's top level, but he is the type to hold back his strength. He looks frightening, but actually, he has an unexpectedly gentle heart, and people have seen tears in his eyes. Long ago, his pet parakeet flew away, and he searched for it for an entire week. He came back after finding a different parakeet, and he hasn't noticed the difference.



In a house
within a tree
inside of
Magnolia's
eastern
woods...

...lives a
person
whom the
Master
has long
known.



Porlyusica
detests any
human company,
so she lives
quietly in this
place.

But despite
her distaste
for people,
she is a
specialist at
curing the
wounded.

Healing Wizard:
Porlyusica



That is
where the
Master was
taken.



Humph!

He's the Master—I mean, a wounded man!!!
What was that for?!!

W-Wait just a second!!!



SLAPP



And how long are *you* intending to hover around here?! Go home!!!



Just another foolish man!!

GLARE

He goes off and gets in brawls too rough for his age!!



Go home!

The worst thing for a sick man is to see anxious people fussing over him!



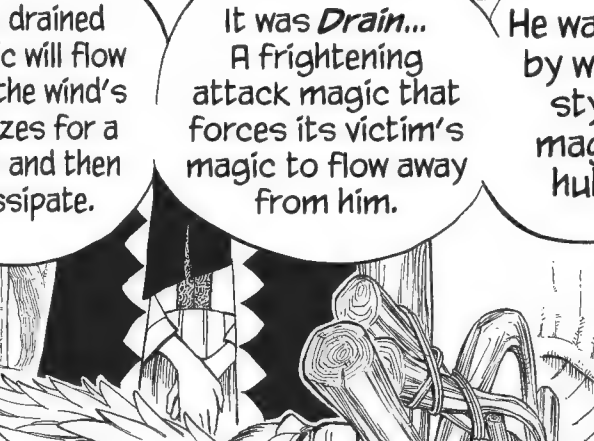
Please give him something to help!!

But...you haven't...done anything for the Master yet...

The drained magic will flow with the wind's breezes for a while and then dissipate.

It was *Drain*...
A frightening attack magic that forces its victim's magic to flow away from him.

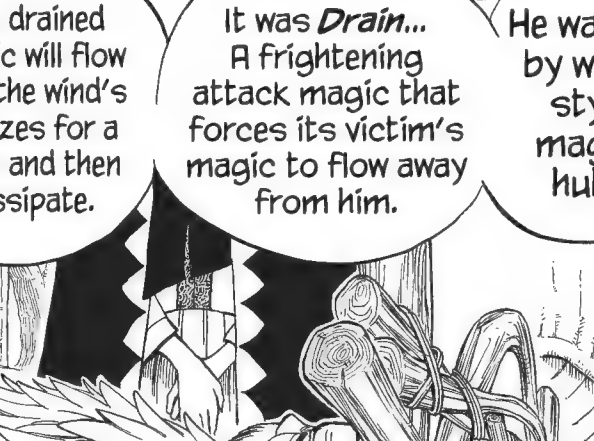
He was hit by wind-style magic, huh?



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Eeh?! We thought you *wanted* us to hear all that!!

Are you two still here?!!

Eeh?! We thought you *wanted* us to hear all that!!

Are you two still here?!!

We'll go tell the others.

I-Is that right...

We'll go tell the others.

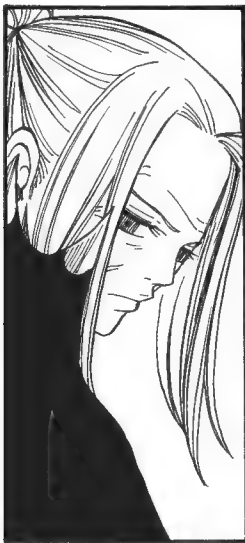
I-Is that right...

If we could recover Makarov's power from the wind, we could bring him back quickly, but...

It's too late for that. He'll be here a long time.

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Eee!!!
We'll be on
our way
now!!!

WHOOSH
ぶん
ぶん

Go home!!!
Get out of here!!!
You stink of
humanity!!!

WHOOSH
ぶん
ぶん
WHOOSH

と来た、

Eee!!!
We'll be on
our way
now!!!

WHOOSH
ぶっ
ぶっ
WHOOSH

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humanity!!!

WHOOSH
ぶっ
ぶっ
WHOOSH

どきどき

Eee!!!
We'll be on
our way
now!!!

WHOOSH
ぶっ
ぶっ
WHOOSH

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humanity!!!

WHOOSH
ぶっ
ぶっ
WHOOSH

どきどき

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our way
now!!!

WHOOSH
ぶっ
ぶっ
WHOOSH

Go home!!!
Get out of here!!!
You stink of
humanity!!!

WHOOSH
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どきどき

Eee!!!
We'll be on
our way
now!!!

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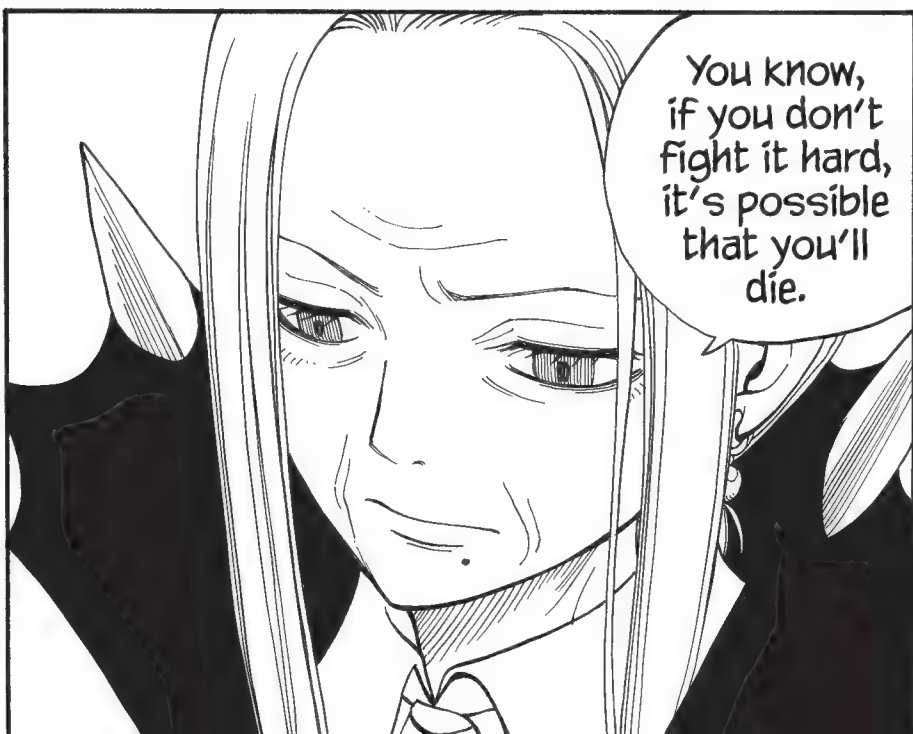
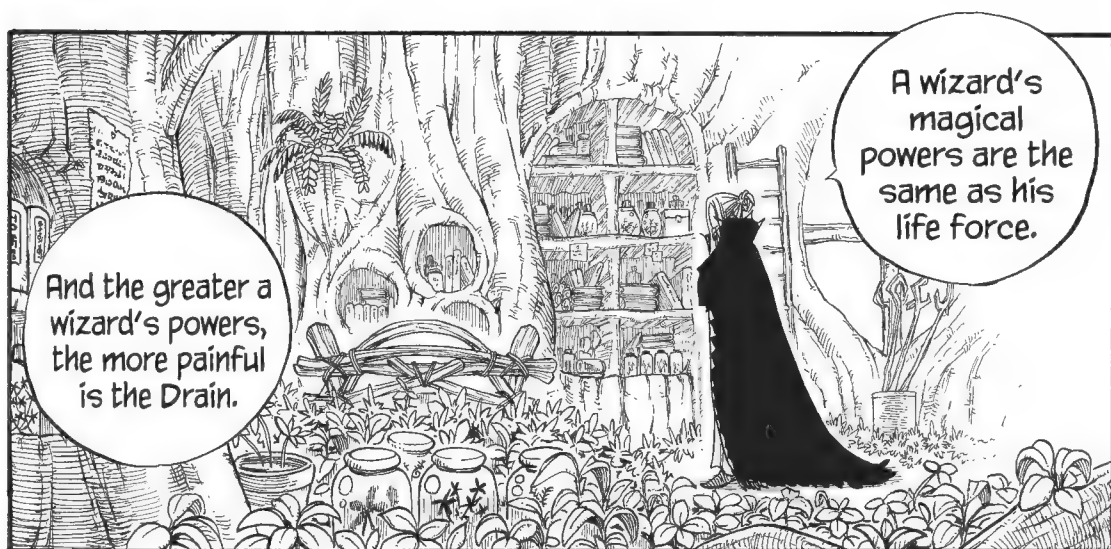
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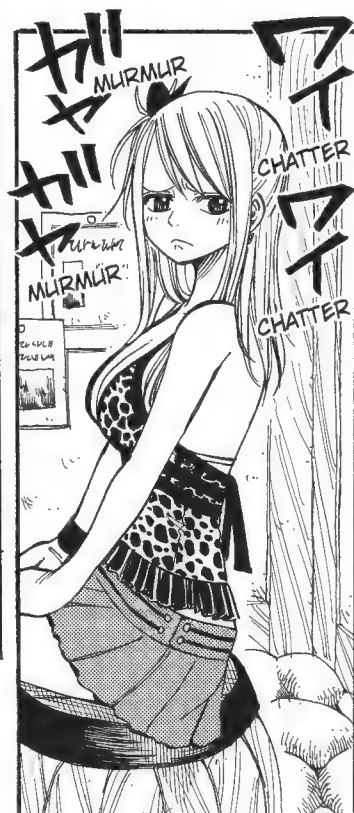
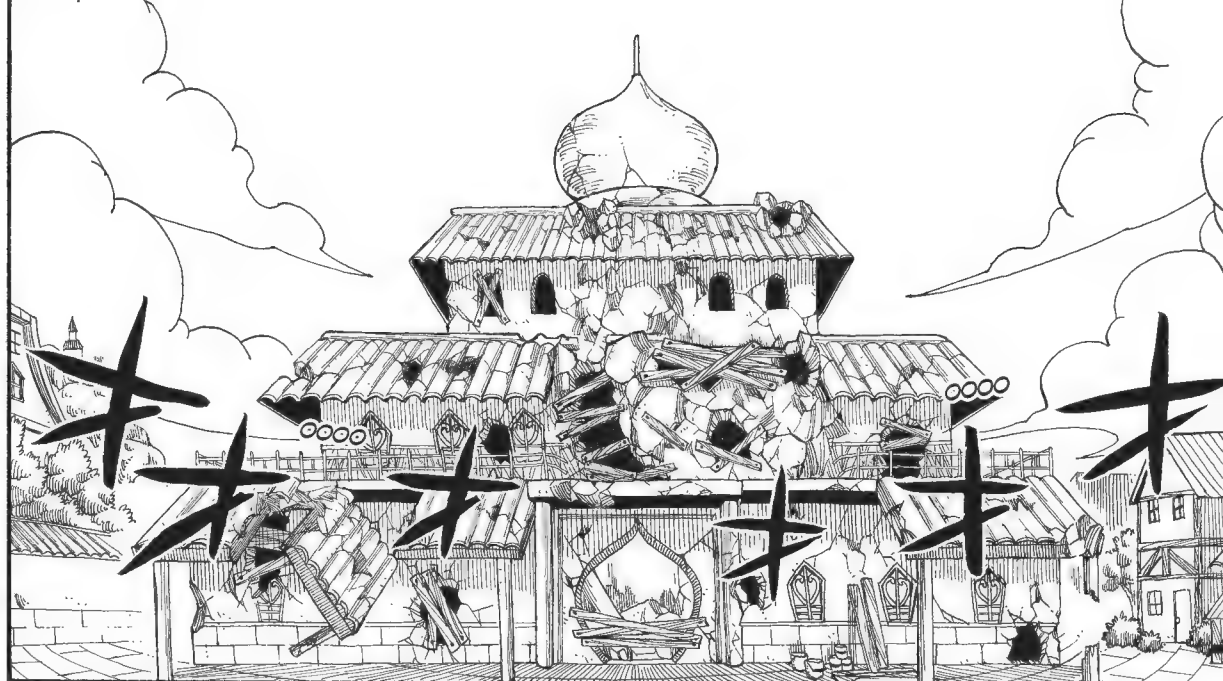
Go home!!!
Get out of here!!!
You stink of
humanity!!!

WHOOSH
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ぶっ
WHOOSH

どきどき

と来た、







Hey!!
Somebody
get me that
really powerful
wizard's
spell book on
boulder-style
magic!!!

This time,
I'm taking all
of my exploding
lacrima crystals
with me!!!

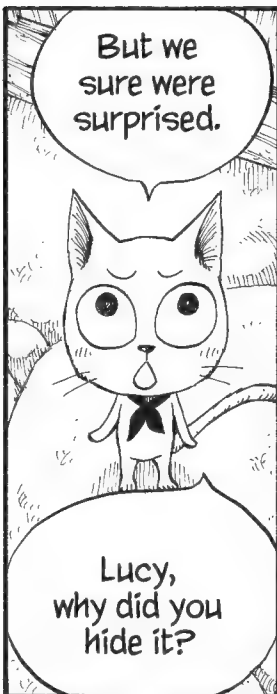


MURMUR

MURMUR



What's
the
matter?
Still
antsy?



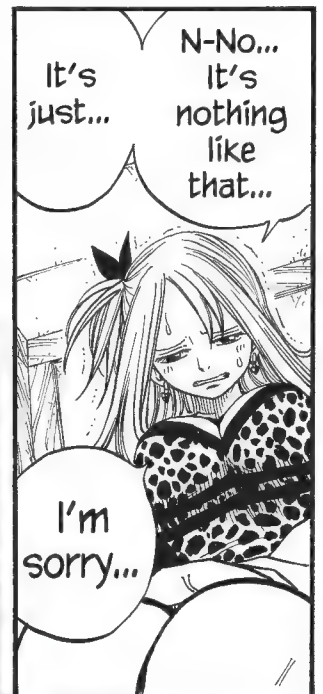
But we
sure were
surprised.

Lucy,
why did you
hide it?



Well, it's the fate
of rich girls to
be targeted, and
it's a man's job
to protect her!

Don't say
things like
that!



It's
just...

N-No...
It's
nothing
like
that...

I'm
sorry...



For an entire year, he didn't do a thing about his runaway daughter...then suddenly he wants me home again...



I was running away from home, and I didn't want to talk about it...

I wasn't hiding it, exactly... I just...



I never dreamed that Papa would use such tactics to get me back.

How low can he sink?!



I guess if I just went home, this would be all over.

I really am sorry!

I don't know about that.



Eh...I mean, Phantom!!

N-No!! Your father is the evil one!!

Shut up, idiot!!!



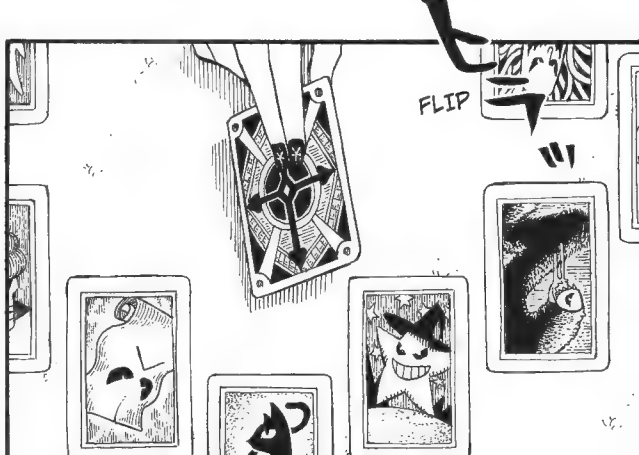
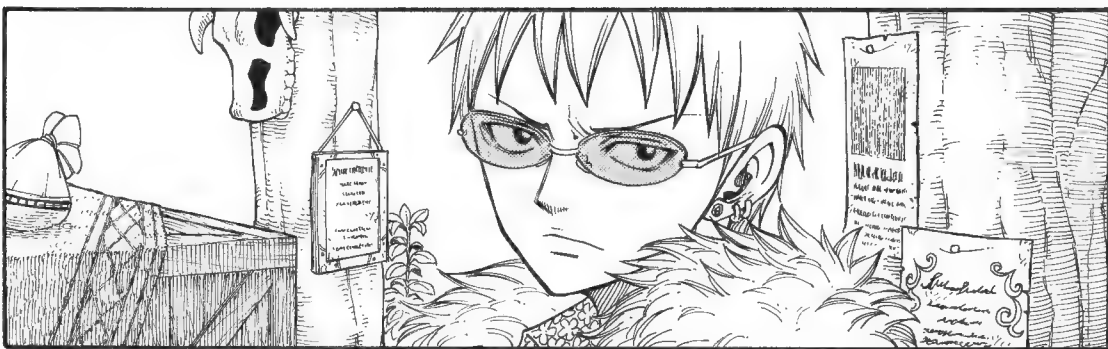
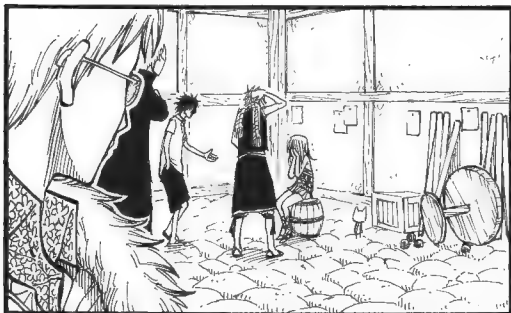
But I never thought it would cause everyone to be hurt like this.

I acted on my own selfish whims.



But if you take it back to root causes, this is happening because I ran away...







Communications Lacrima Crystal (Magic Item)
A crystal infused with magic to allow one to talk to people far away. They are presently researching smaller versions.



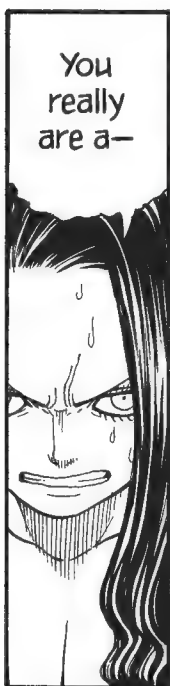
Really? So am I!! She's that new girl with the big jugs, right?

They're after Lucy... One of our guild.



Lexus, you....!!!

Well, it's true! The old man started all this, right? Why do I have to clean up after him?

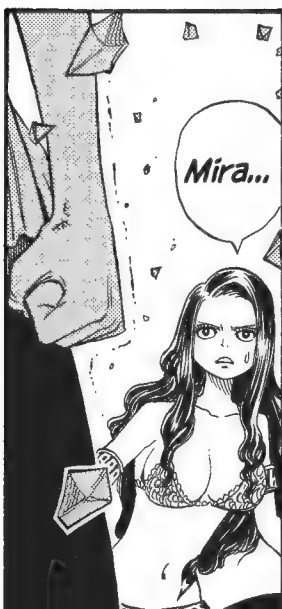


You really are a—

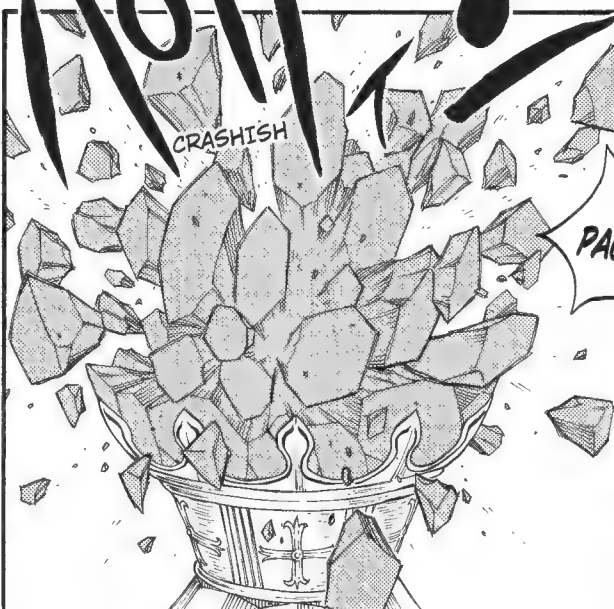


Tell her that if she'll be my woman, I'll help out.

One more condition!! Tell the old fart to retire and make me the Master!!!



Mira...

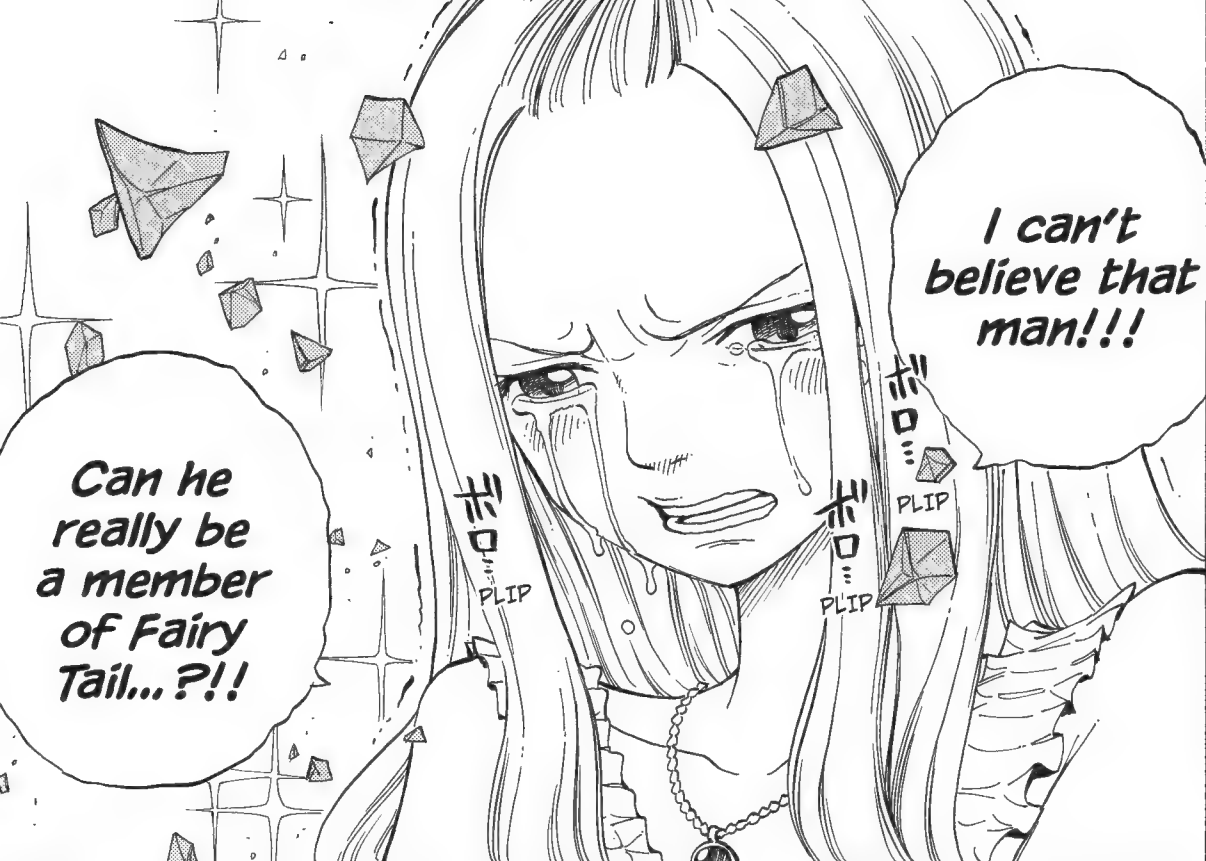


CRASHISH

PACHIK

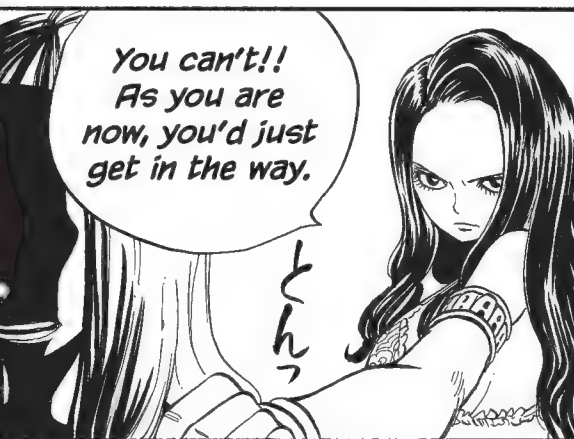
Watch it!! Is that how you nicely ask a guy to do a favor for you?! The least you can do is strip for me!!! I'm easy when it comes to sexy—





*Can he
really be
a member
of Fairy
Tail... ?!!*

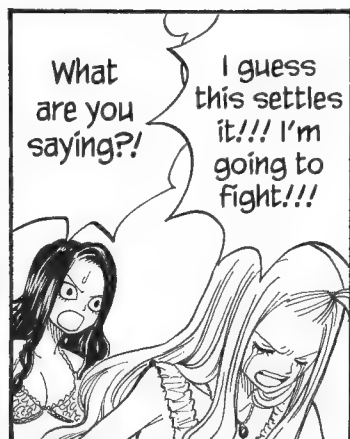
*I can't
believe that
man!!!*



*You can't!!
As you are
now, you'd just
get in the way.*

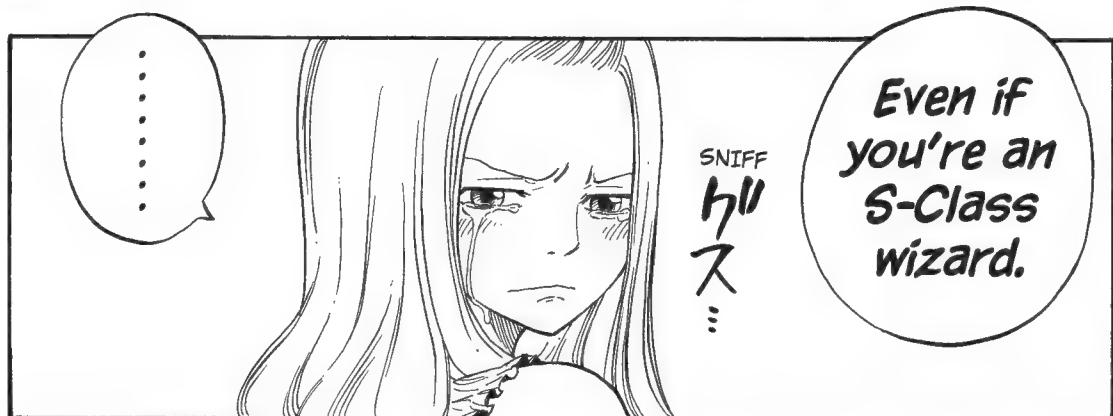


*I mean, I was
here, and
Lucy still got
kidnapped!!*



*What
are you
saying?!*

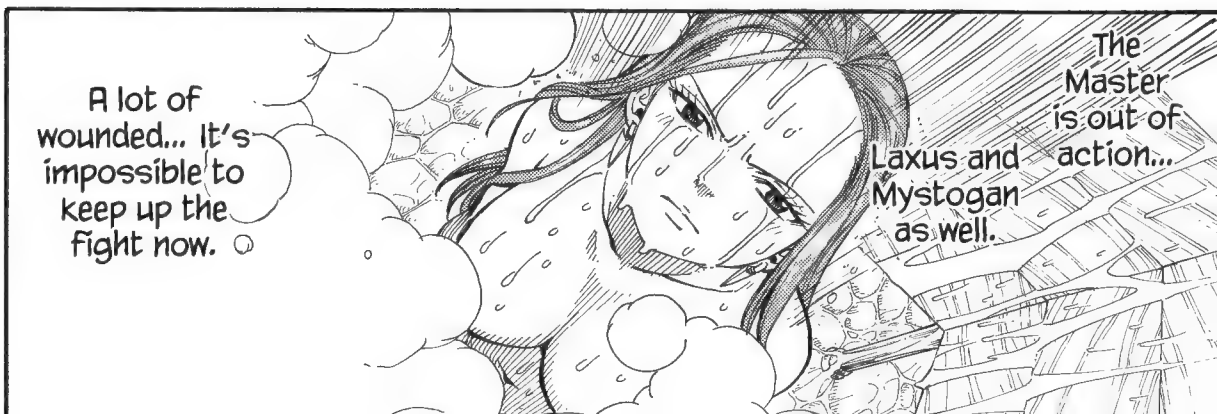
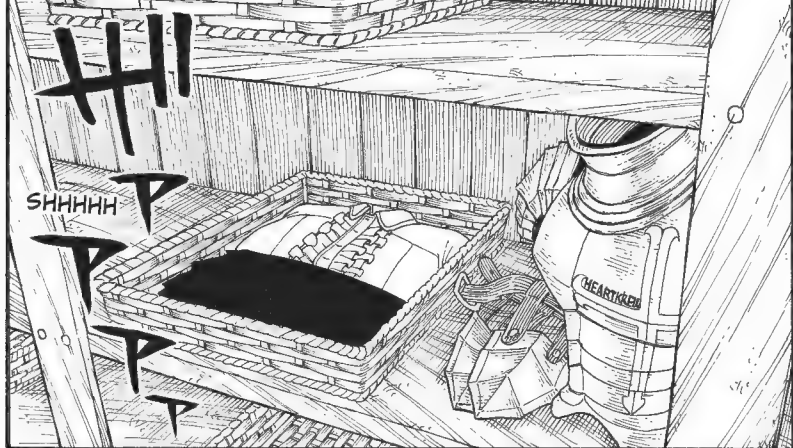
*I guess
this settles
it!!! I'm
going to
fight!!!*



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SNIFF
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*Even if
you're an
S-Class
wizard.*



A lot of wounded... It's impossible to keep up the fight now. ○

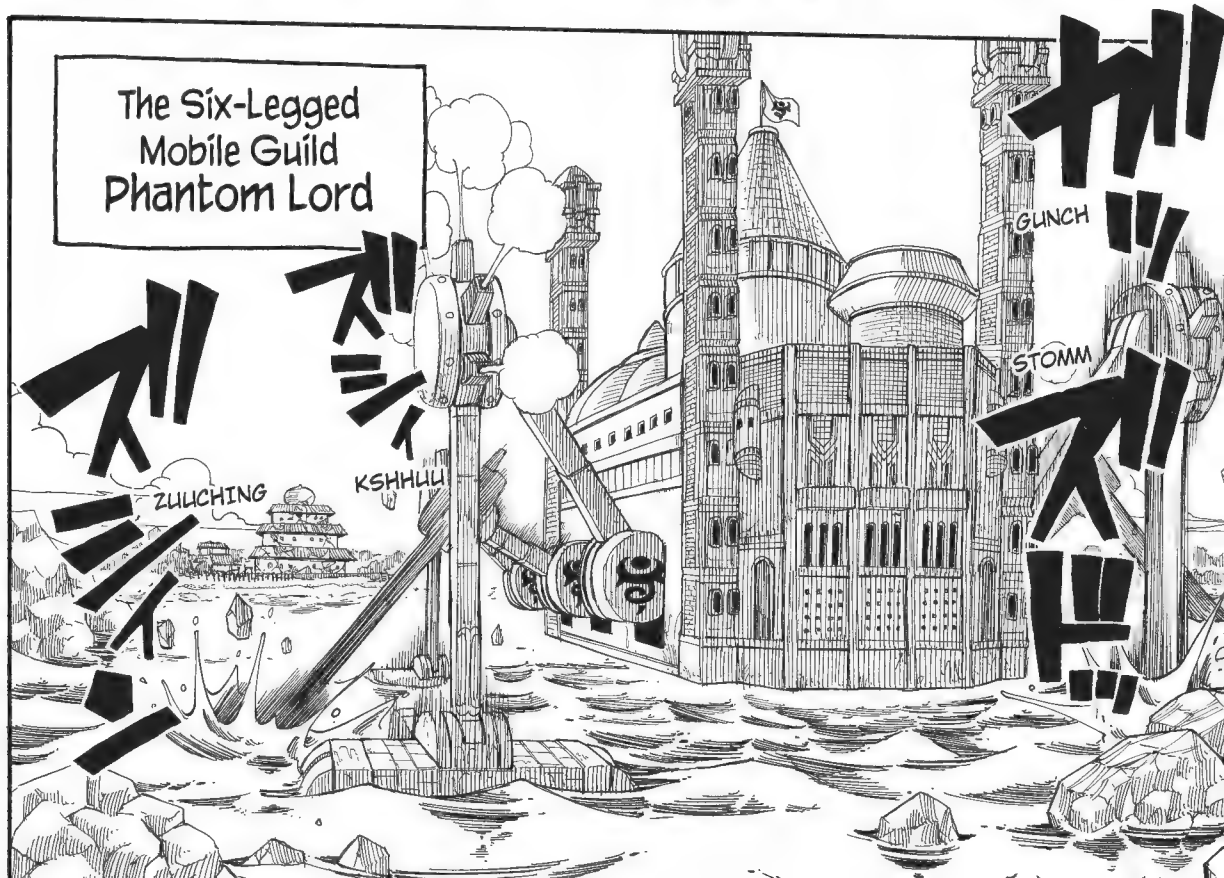
Lexus and Mystogan as well.

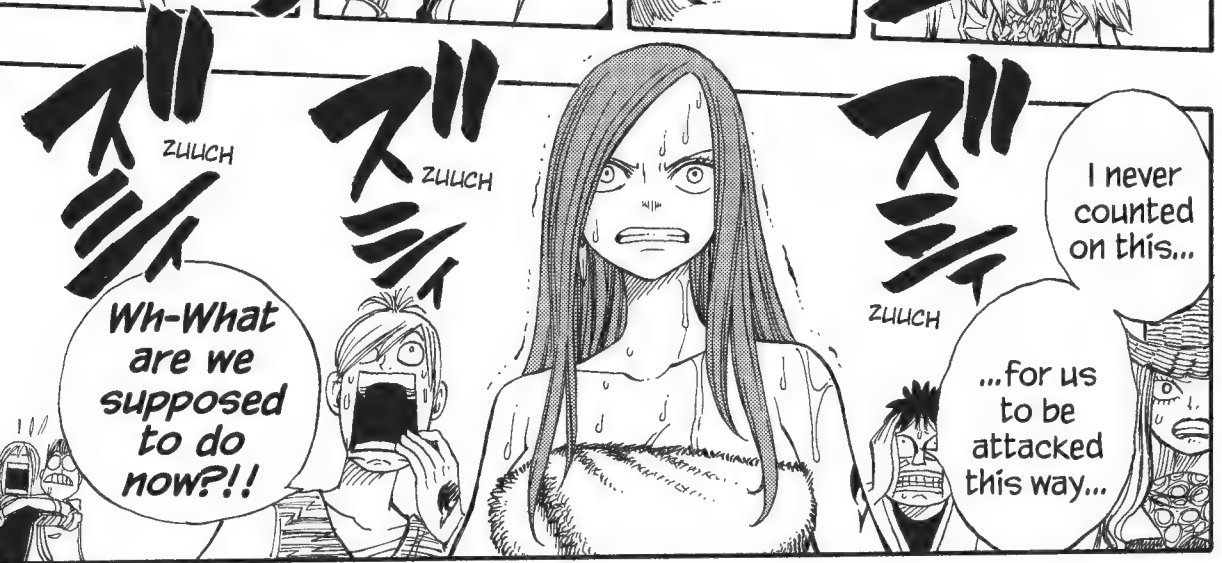
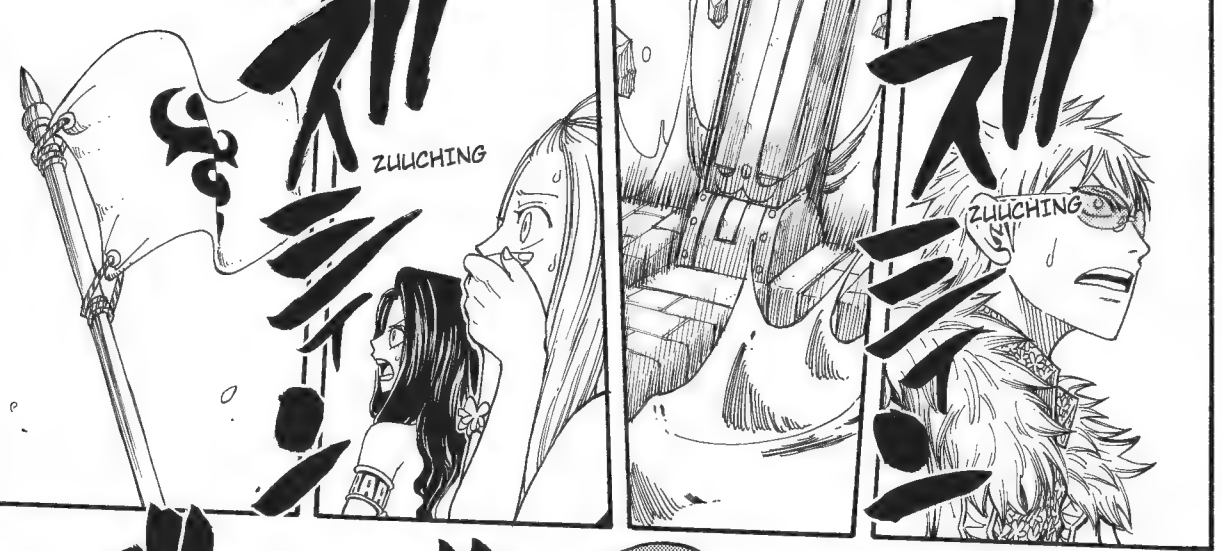
The Master is out of action...

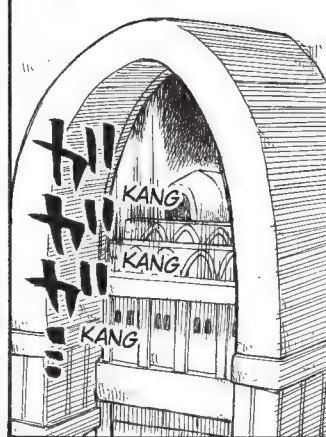
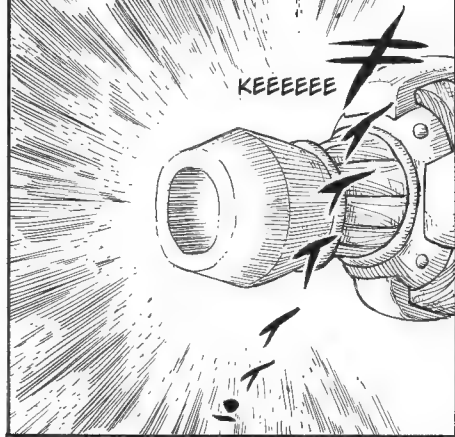


Wh-What
the hell is
that...?!!!









FAIRY TAIL

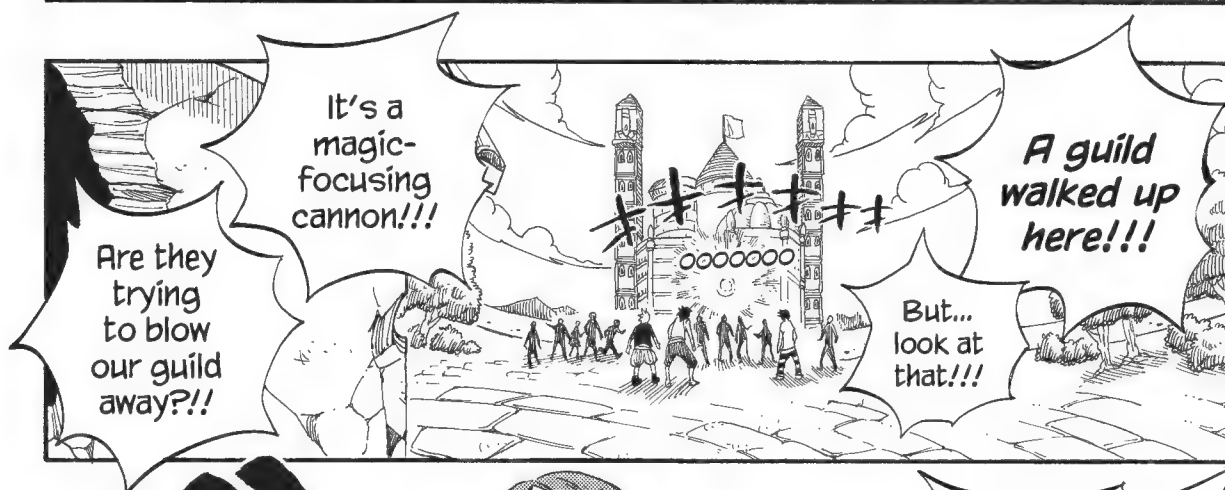
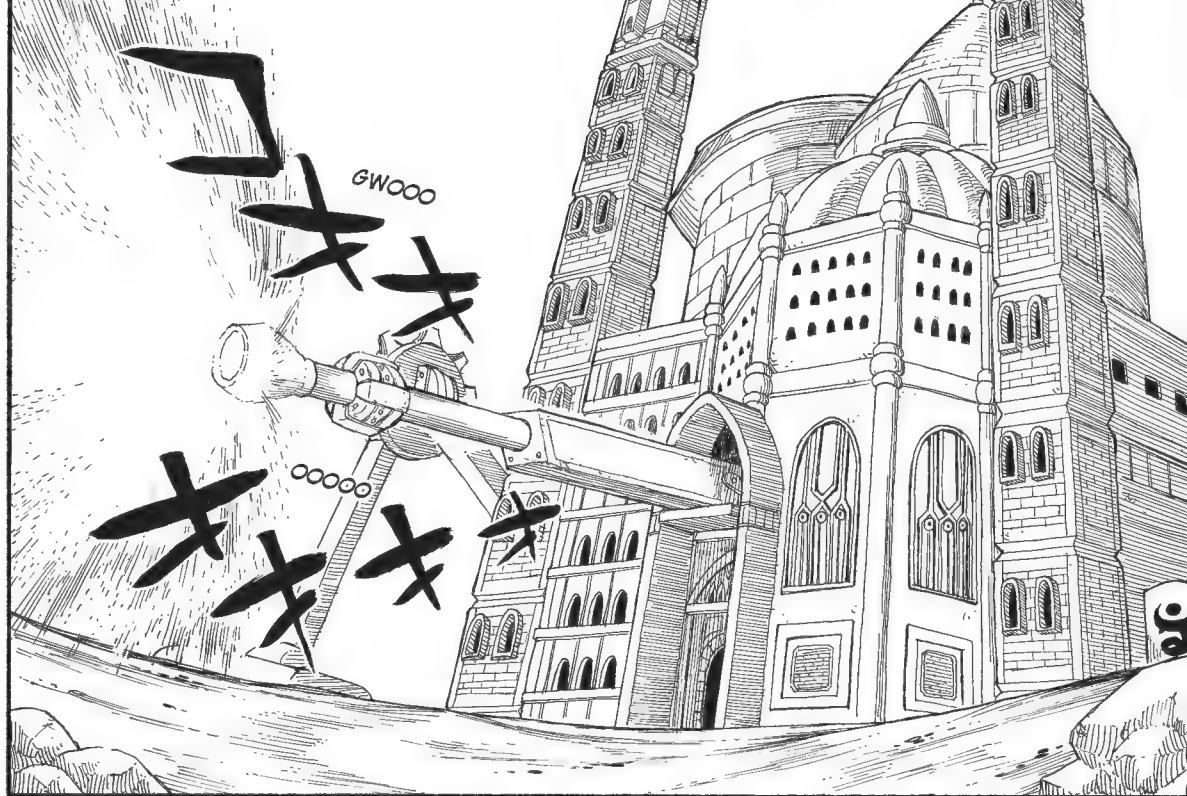
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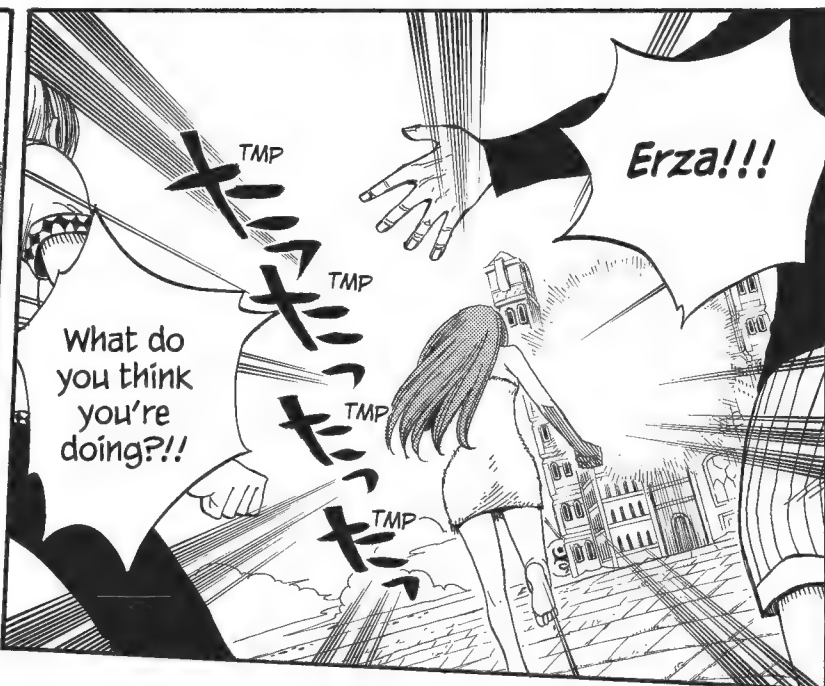


Remarks

An immigrant from the Western Continent, he uses gun magic, a type of magic where his guns are loaded with magical bullets.

He likes Bisca, a girl at Fairy Tail, but he can't seem to get his feelings across to her. He tried getting advice from Loke, but he was told, "If you can't bring yourself to say it, I'll take her for myself." It was a joke, but Alzack couldn't recognize the humor. Even now, Alzack's heart burns to know that he has a rival in love.





SHHK

You
will not
harm our
guild!!!!

VWAA

Get
down
!!!!

I don't care how
high-level that
armor's defense
is suppose to be,
against that...

Don't do
it, Erza!!!
It'll kill
you!!!

Her
adamantine
armor!!!

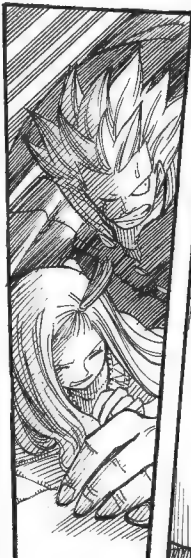
She doesn't
think she can
stop that
thing, does
she?!!

Oh,
n...

Natsu!!!
All you can
do now
is trust
Erza!!!

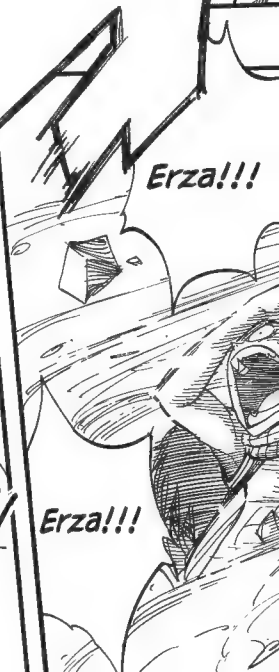
Erza!!!!

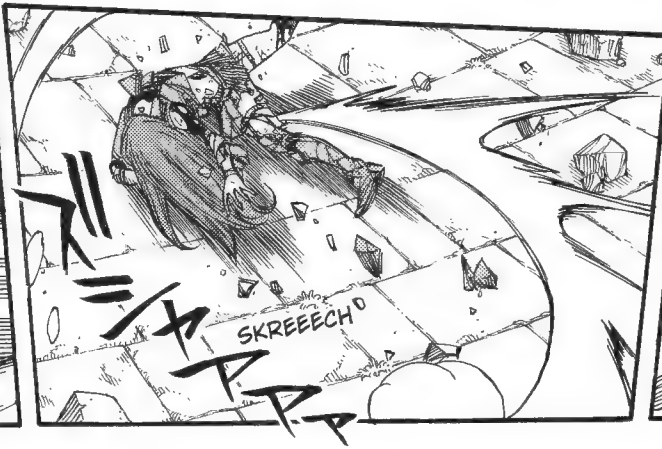
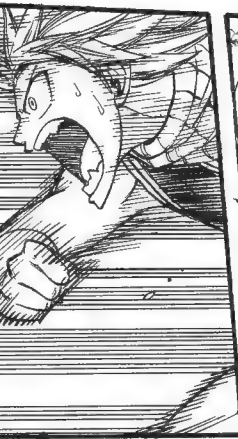
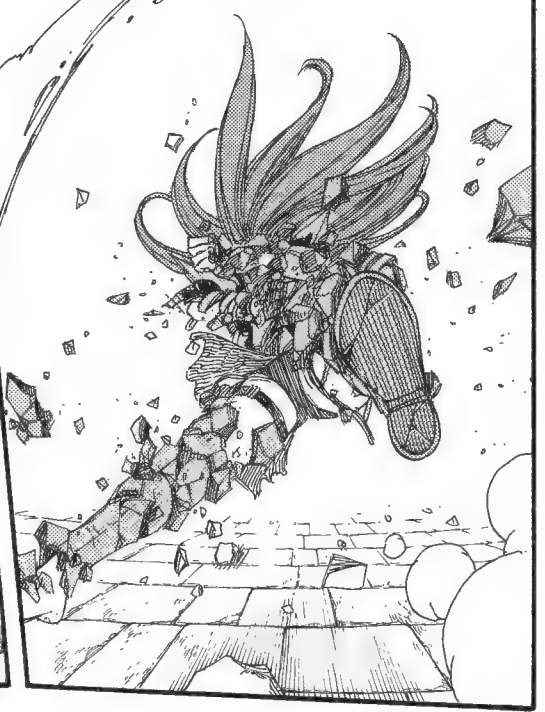
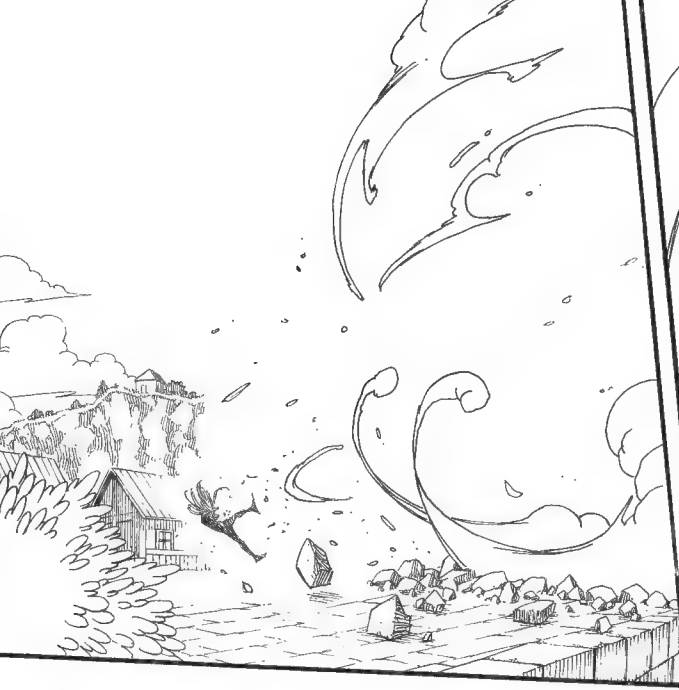
GRIMP





G y a a h h h !!!!







Hang in there!!!

Erza!!!



HAHH

HAHH

HAHH

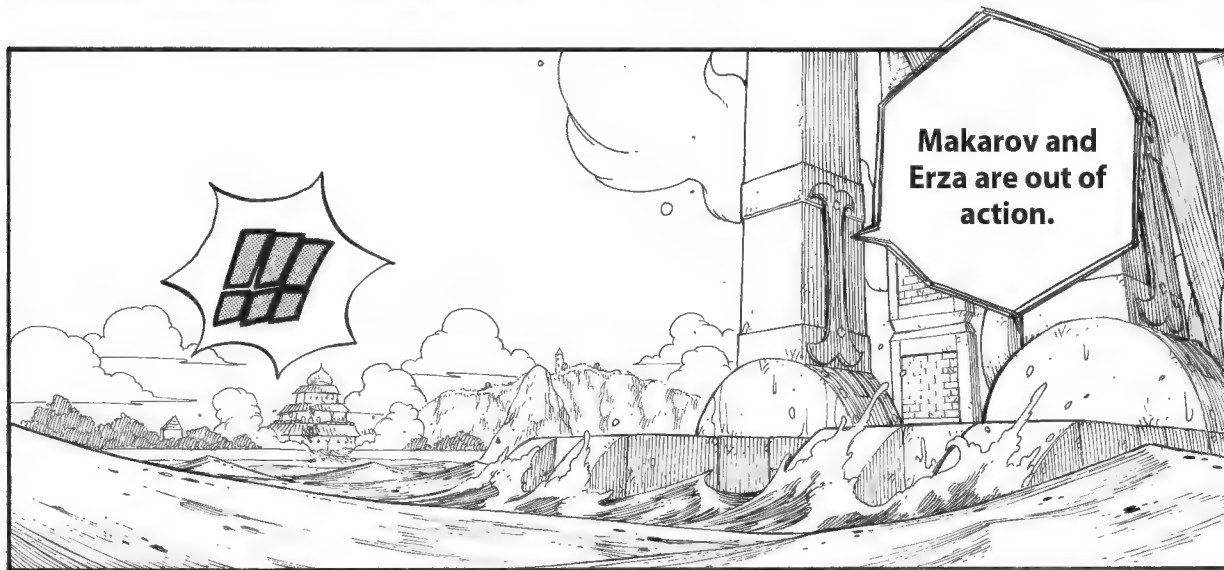
HAHH



Sh-She saved us all... That's Erza for you...

I don't believe it... She really stopped it...

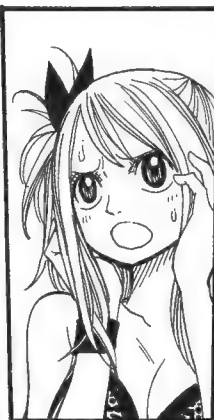
B-But guys...

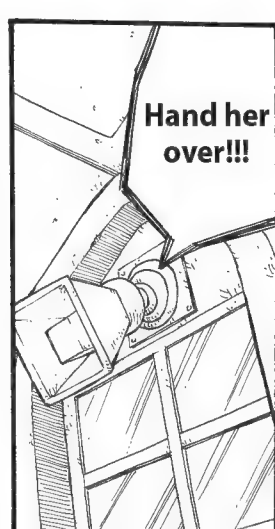
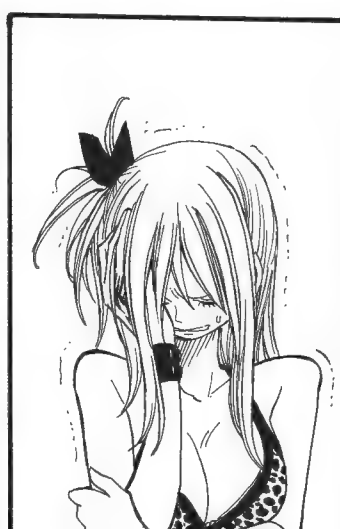
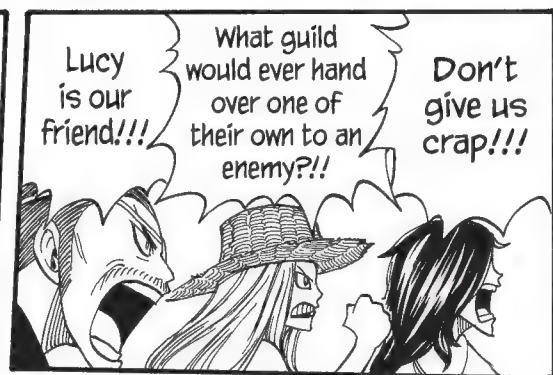
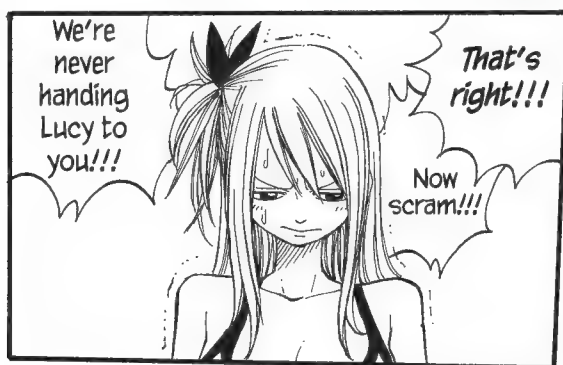


Makarov and Erza are out of action.



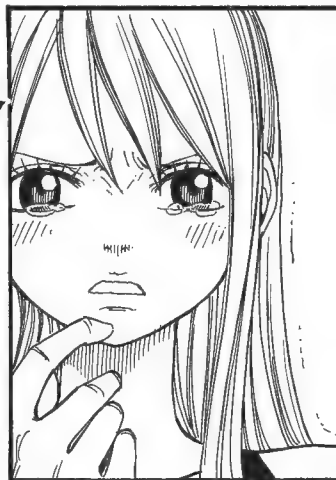
You have no final ace to play.








*If it's hand
over a
friend or
die, then I
choose to
die!!!!!!*





*We're going
to smash
you into the
dirt!!!!*

*Do what
you want!
Our answer
will always
be the
same!!!!*



*Oh,
ho?*



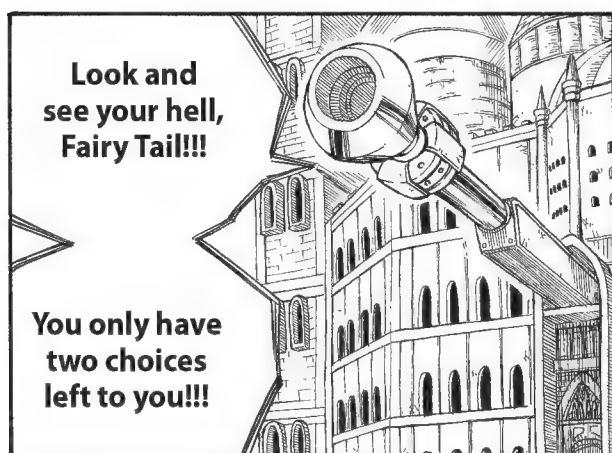
YEA


AAHH



*I will allow
you the
Fifteen
minutes it
takes to
repower
to wallow
in your
fear!!!!*

*If that's
what you
want, then
you're
going
to get a
heaping
serving of
Jupiter!!!!*





...or be
killed by
Jupiter!!!!

Be killed
by my
troopers...

!!!

Those are
Jose's magical
Shade Troopers...
They aren't human.
They're ghost
soldiers that Jose
created!!!

No,
they'll
shoot!

I-it's just
a threat...
They won't
shoot...!

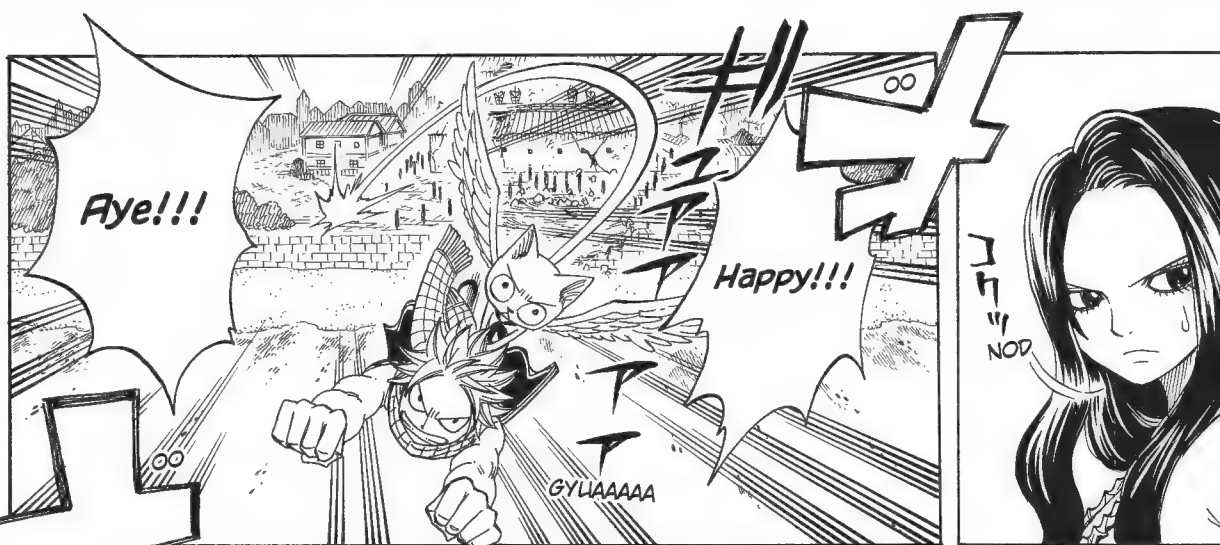
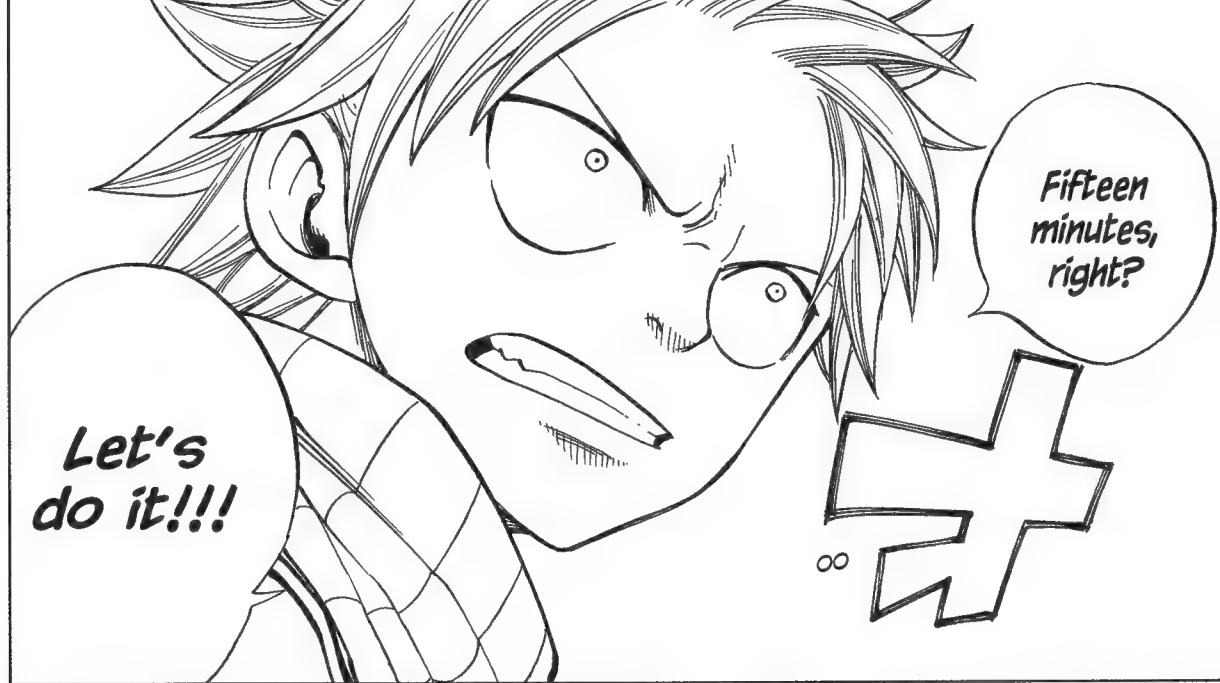
I don't get it!!!
They're going
to kill their own
people with
Jupiter?

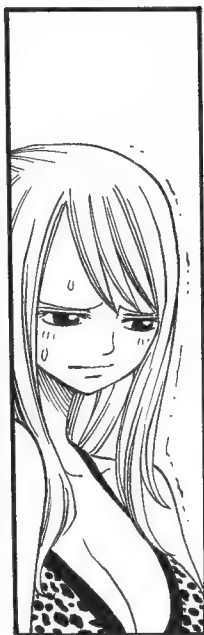
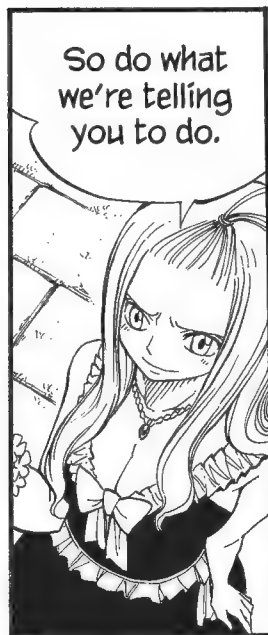
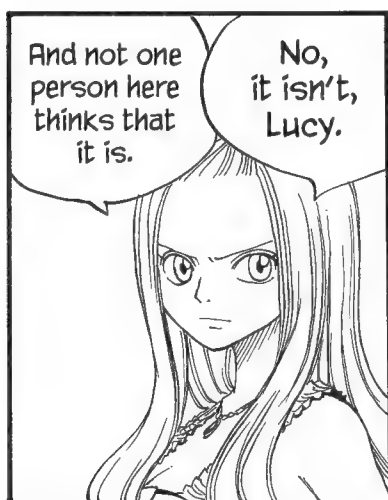
I'll go in
and rip it
apart!!!

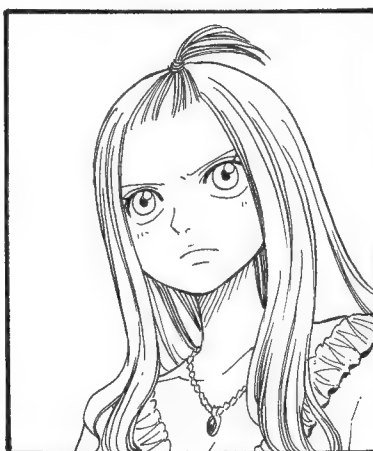
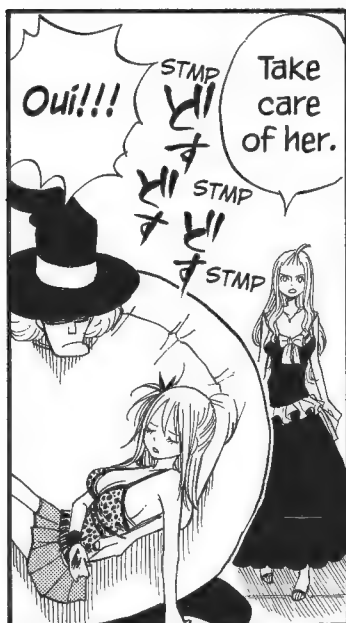
Natsu...

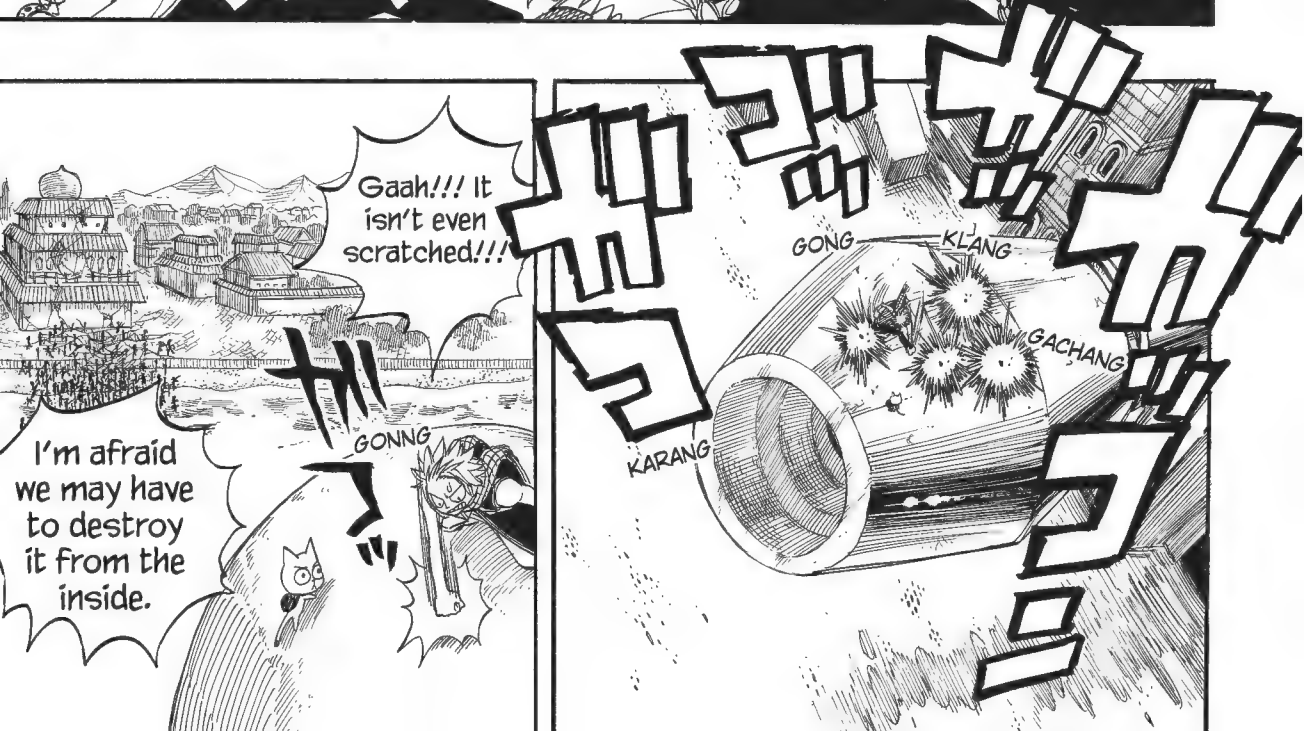
We have to
stop Jupiter
somehow...

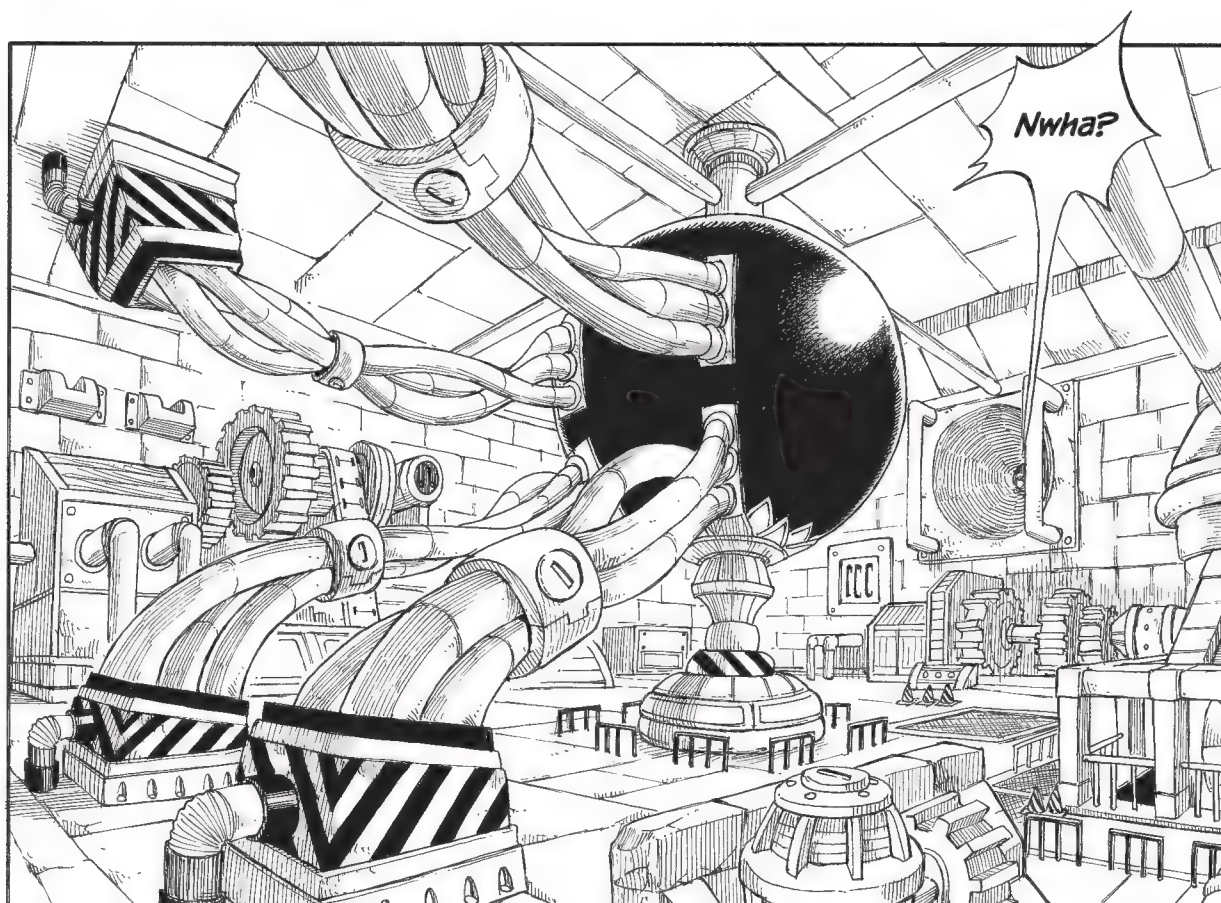
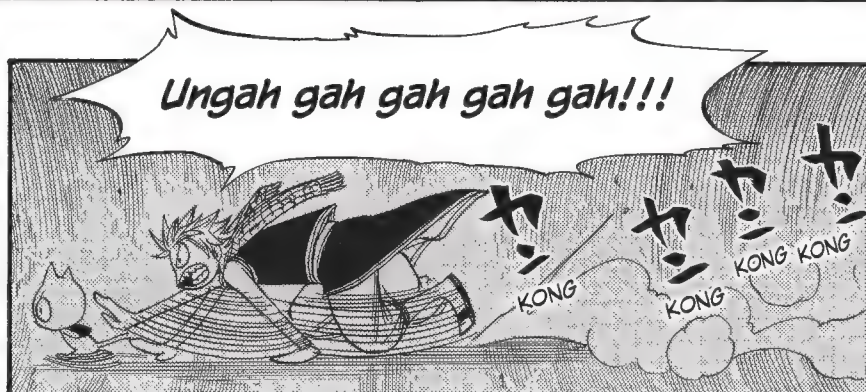
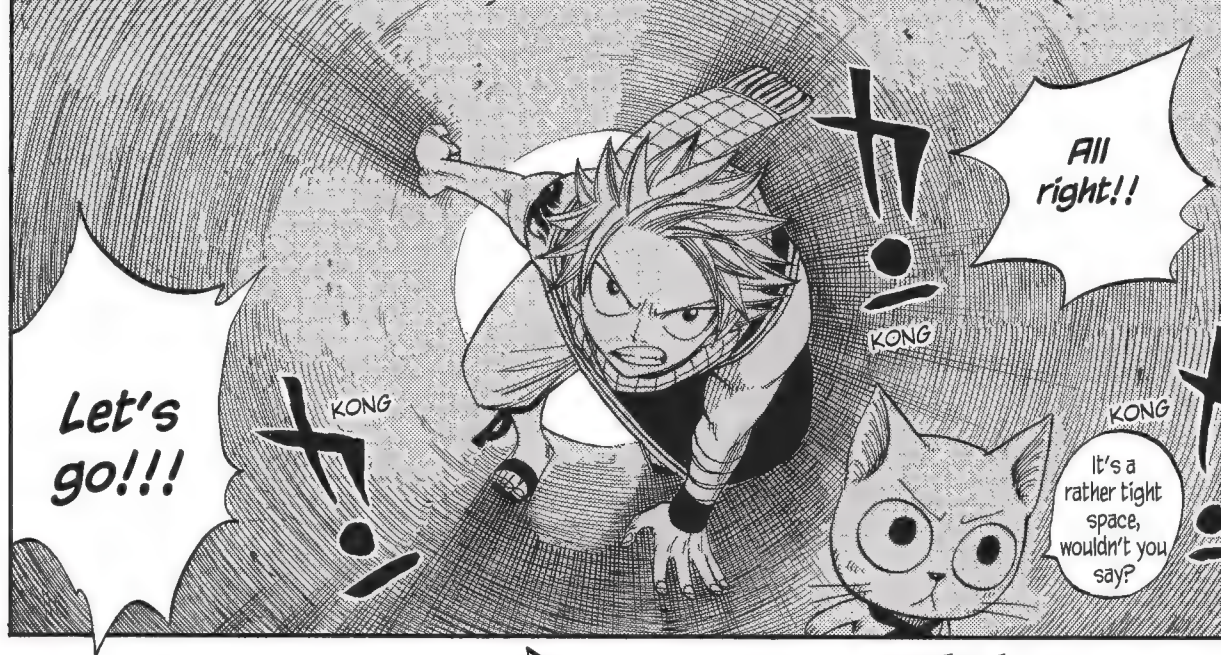
Shade... What?!!
You mean
monsters?

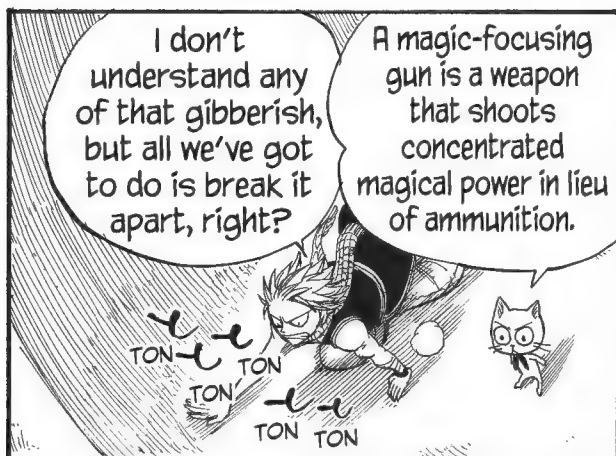














I didn't!!!
It did it on
its own!!!



Natsu,
what
did you
do that
for?!!

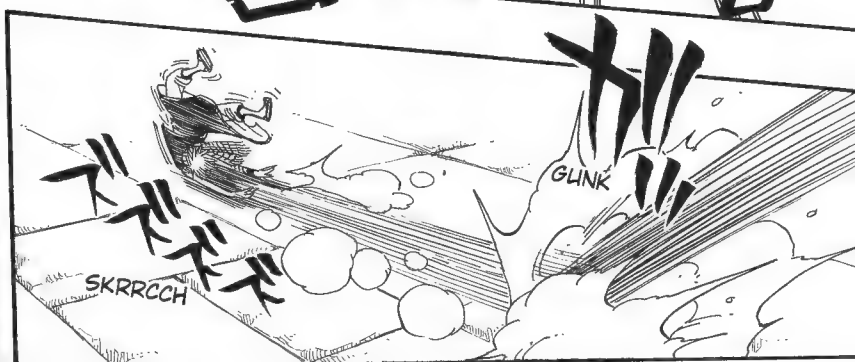


Gwhuhn?!!

GWAMM

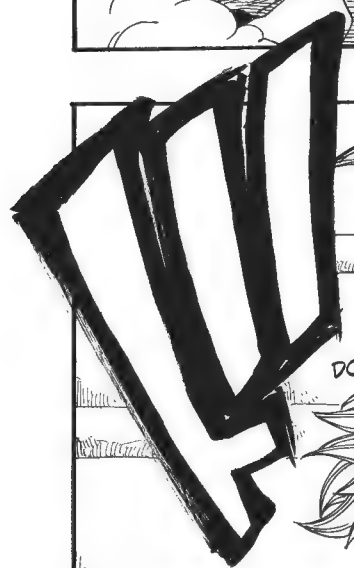


SHAKK



GLINK

SKRRCH



DOOM



The one
in the
way... is
you...

Phantom Lord
Element 4:
Totomaru of
the Great
Flame



FAIRY TAIL

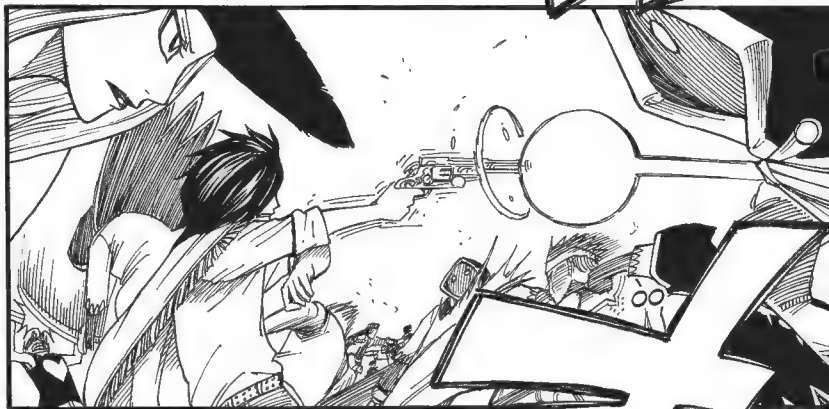
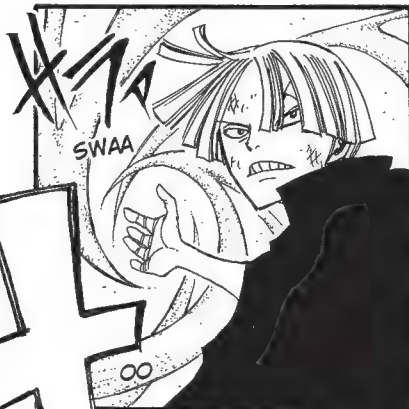
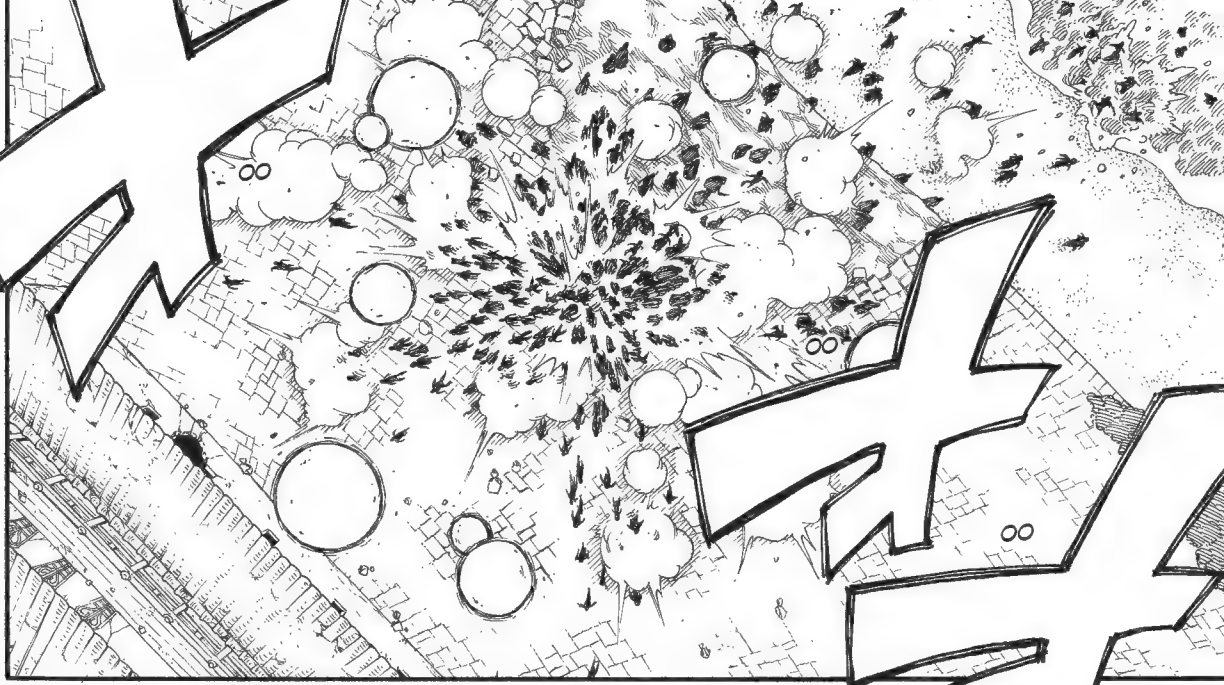
Chapter 53: The Heat of Battle



Remarks

She immigrated from the Western Continent. Her magic, the gunner, is a type that fights with a wide variety of guns that she requips (exchanged in and out from a dimension that holds them). She uses the same kind of guns as Alzack. She likes Alzack, but she hasn't been able to make her feelings known. She looks up to Erza, and so asked her advice. But Erza just shouted, "You weakling!!"

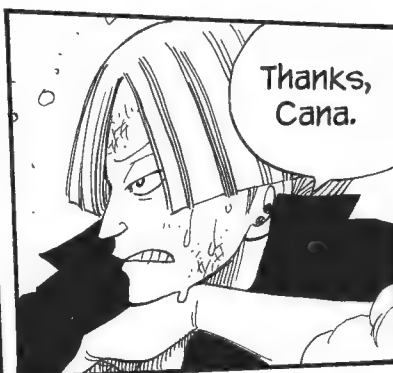
The next day, she finally decided to gather up her courage and tell him, but that was the day that Phantom attacked, and the opportunity vanished.





We have to
make sure
the guild is
protected!!!

Tighten up
your guard,
Max!!!

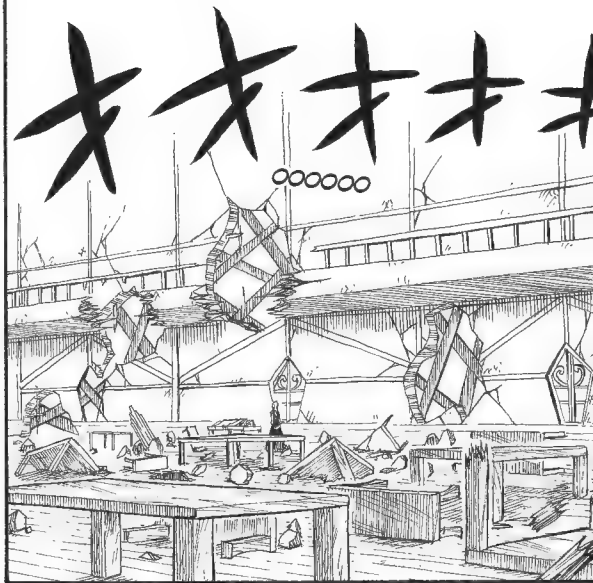


Thanks,
Cana.

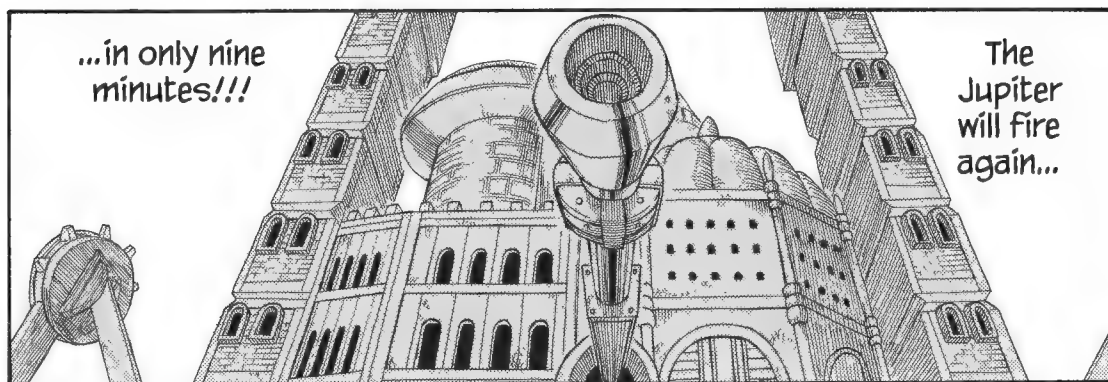


These guys
don't know
what it's like
to grieve
for wounded
comrades! Or
be angry over
the loss of a
guild!!!!

And that's
why we
can never
let them
take our
guild!!!!



↑ Mirajane transformed into Lucy's likeness.





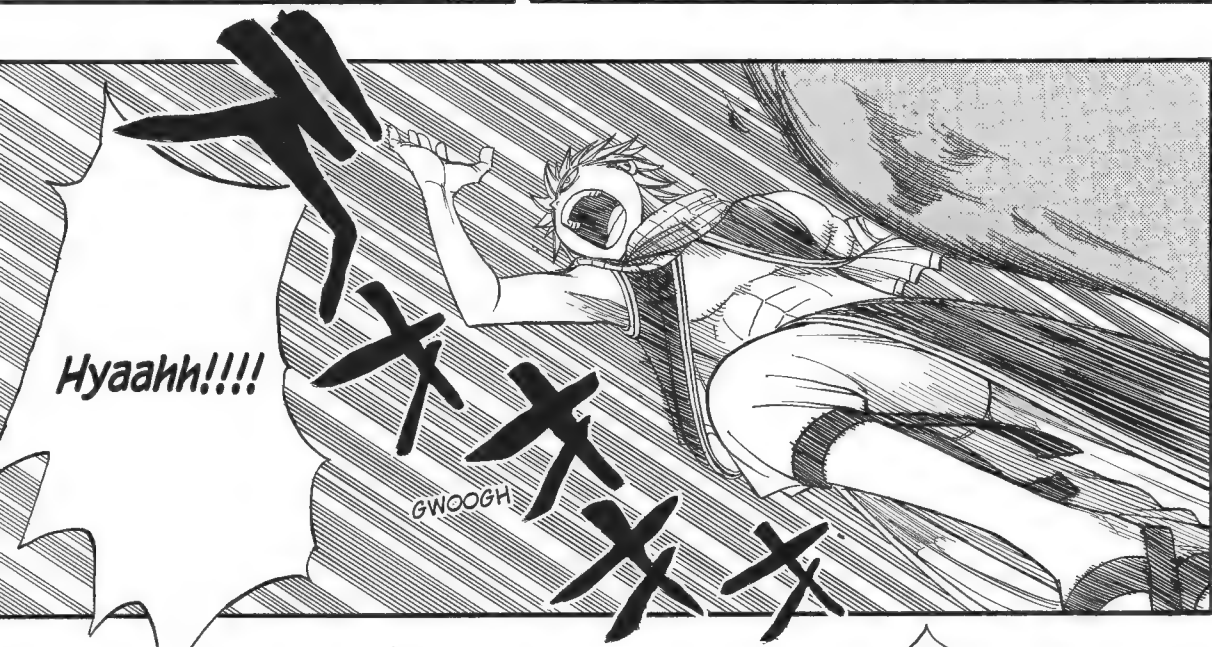
There's
no time
for
this!!!

Shut
that
stupid
face of
yours!!!



It isn't
going to
happen...

Didn't
you
hear me
the first
time?



Hyaahh!!!!

GWOUGH



Natsu!!

Ohhhh?!!



Oohh?!!

GWA-
KOOM

ROLL ROLL ROLL ROLL ROLL

ス"ン ス"ン ス"ン ス"ン ス"ン



Natsu,
you don't
have time
for this!!!

Hurry
up and
destroy
Jupiter!!!



That
hurt...

It
happened
again!!
What was
it?!!



FASH



Natsu,
listen!!!

You big
jerk!!!

DMP



Umph!!

GAKOOM



DWOOWOO
!!!

FWRL TWIRL TWIRL

TWIRL TWIRL



Every fire is completely under my control!!

I am Totomaru, and I control the element of flame.



My fire is mine!!!

It may be natural or generated by an enemy, but all flames belong to me!!!



What did you say?!!



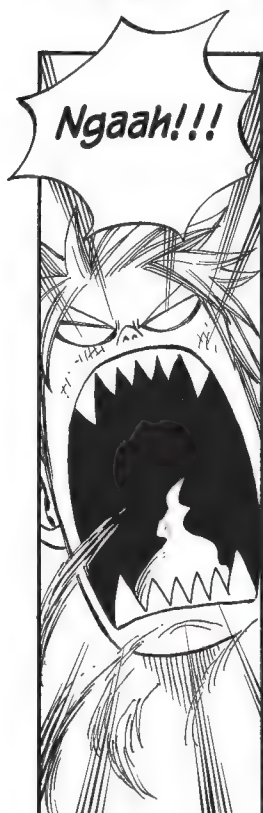
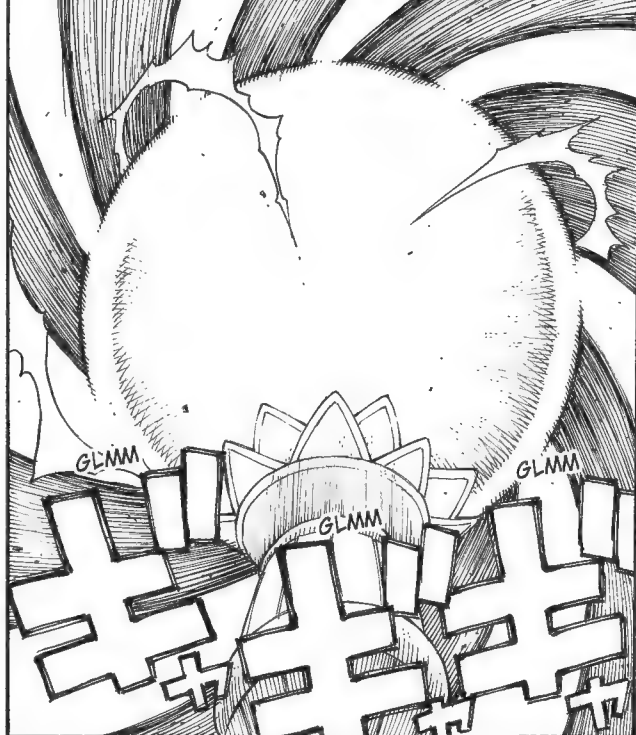
You were unlucky in your choice of opponents.

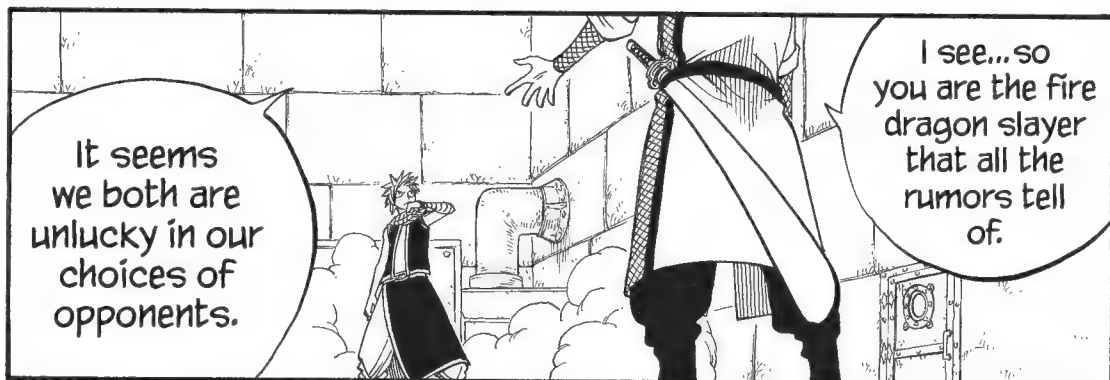
Fire Wizard !!

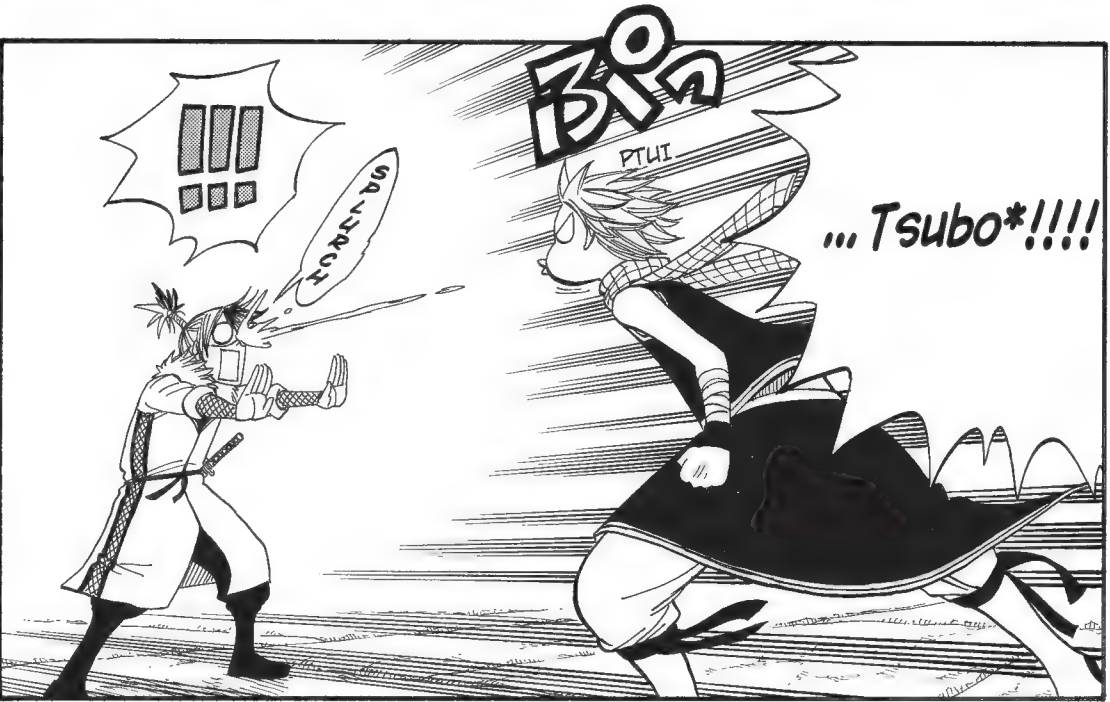
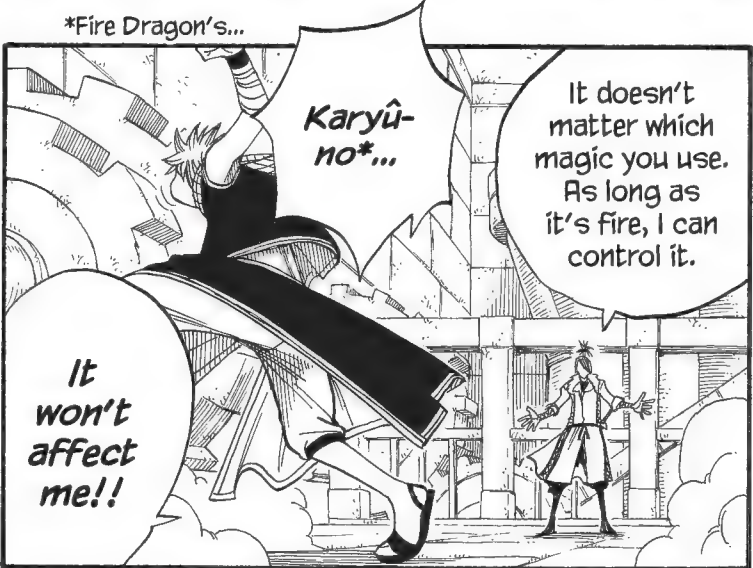
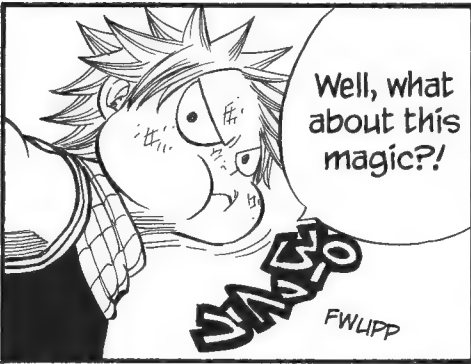


Your first job is to destroy this thing!!!

Natsu, who really cares about that?!!







*...Spit!!!!



Jupiter's
about to
fire!!!

Natsu,
we're in
trouble!!!



Ah ha
ha ha
ha!!!

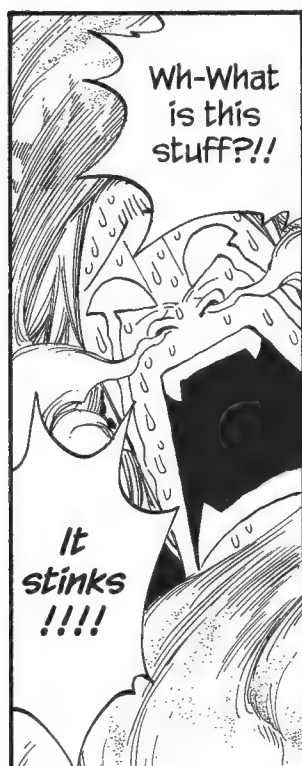


Fire is food to
me!! I wonder
what this will
taste like!!



You
jerk!!!
That was
a cheap
trick!!!

Orange
Fire!!!!



Wh-What
is this
stuff?!!

It
stinks
!!!!



BWAAA

!!!

AAAA



Two minutes and thirty seconds until Jupiter fires.



Ha ha ha!!
It's a fire that smells like turds!!!

GWOOO

Uoohh!!!
It's like my nose is rotting away!!!

Y-You started the disgusting stuff!!

You've got no class, you know that?!!

OOOOGH



Shut your face!!!!



Now you've got me mad!!!!

Natsu, forget him!!!

Calm down! Please?



SHAK-KEENG

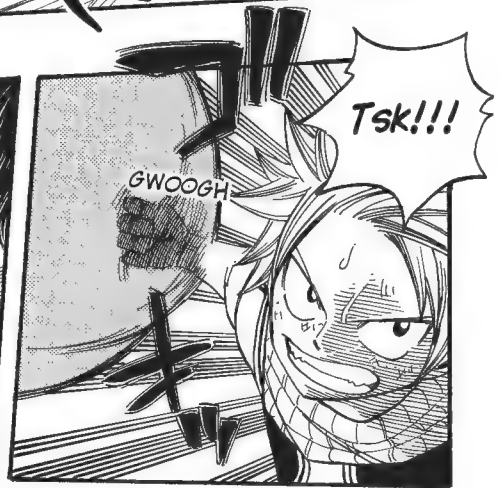
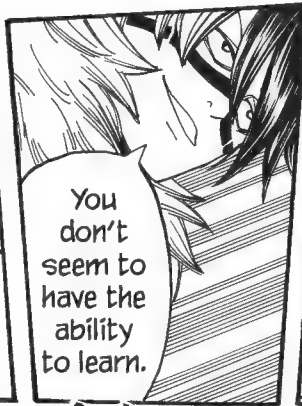
That's fine. I have a sword, so the advantage is mine!!

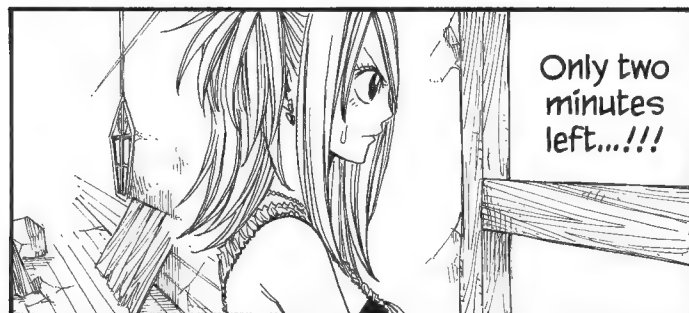
So you've given up magic, and now you simply want to brawl?

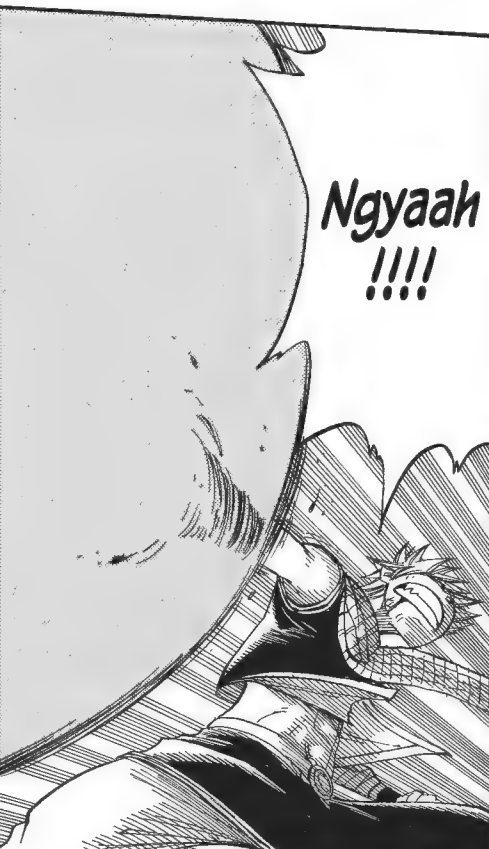


FWOOM

WHOOSH



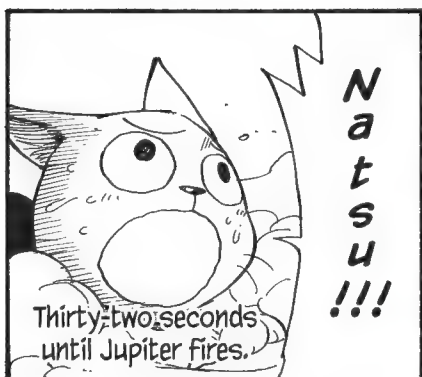




Urrggh!!!

What?!!
Th-That
fire isn't
moving
under my
control!!!

!!



**N
a
t
s
u
!!!**

He figured
out the
concept
in the
middle of a
battle?!!

H-He
can't have
wrested
control
from
me!!

**I'm not
going
to let
anybody
else use
it!!!!**

**It's my
fire!!!!**



SHHT

DO-GWOOD

Ten seconds
until Jupiter
fires.

You can't
do any
harm
unless you
hit me, you
know!!!

Ha
haaaa!!!

*I wasn't
aiming at you
in the first
place!!!!*

BAKOW





Come to think of it, until Natsu had a way to overcome that guy's control, he would never have been able to destroy the crystal.

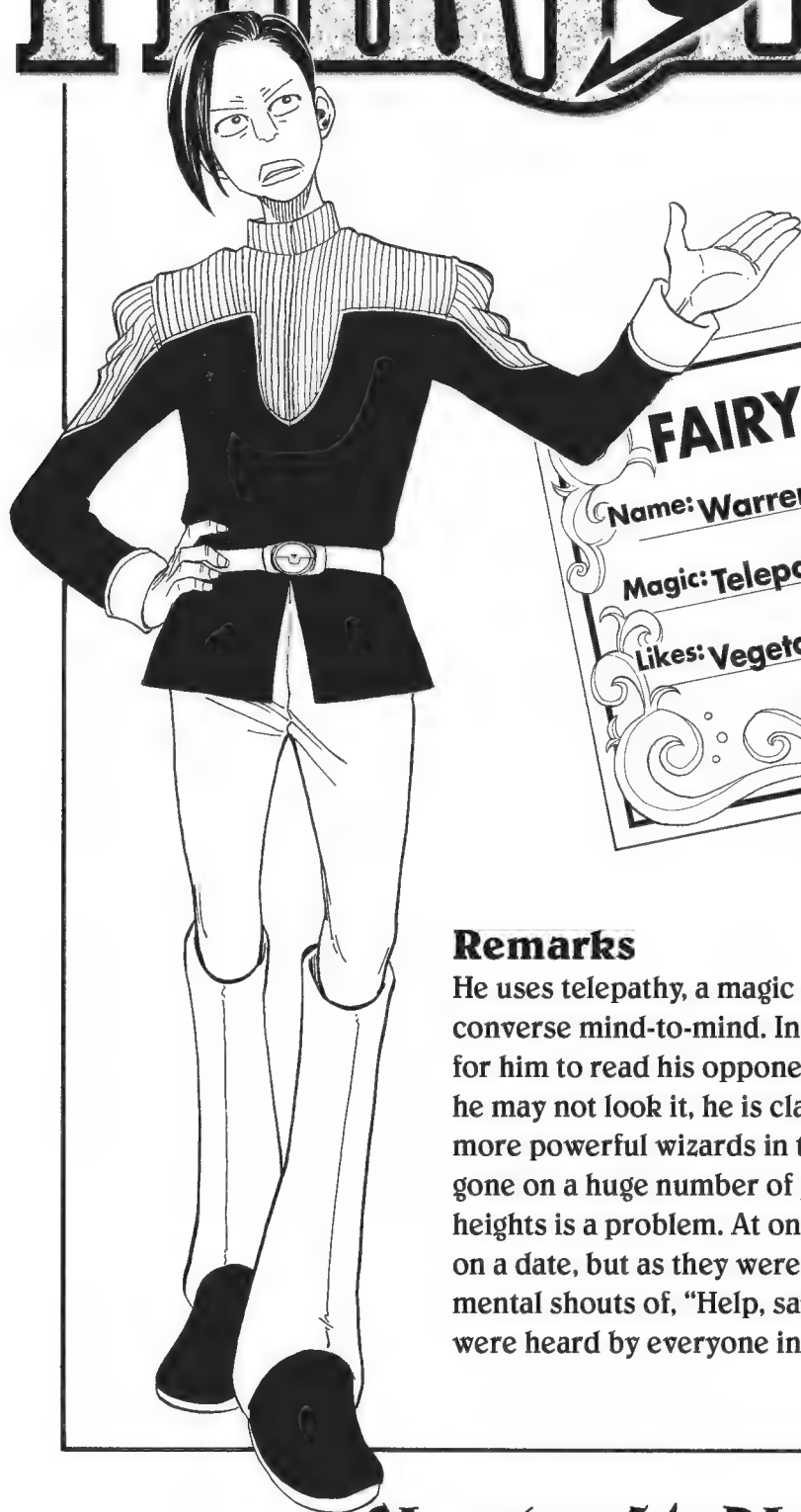


And I'm supposed to be the calm, rational one.



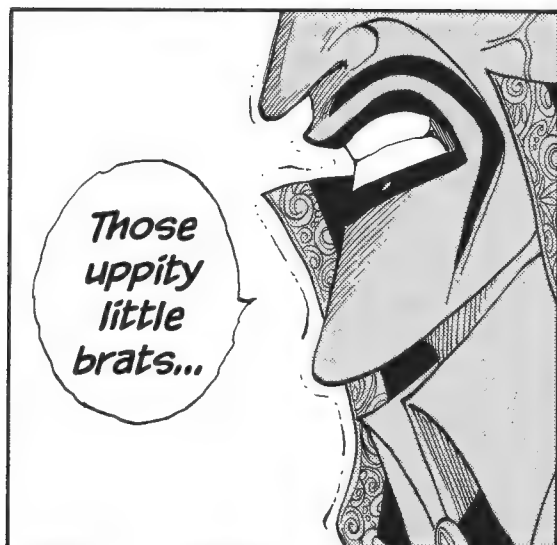
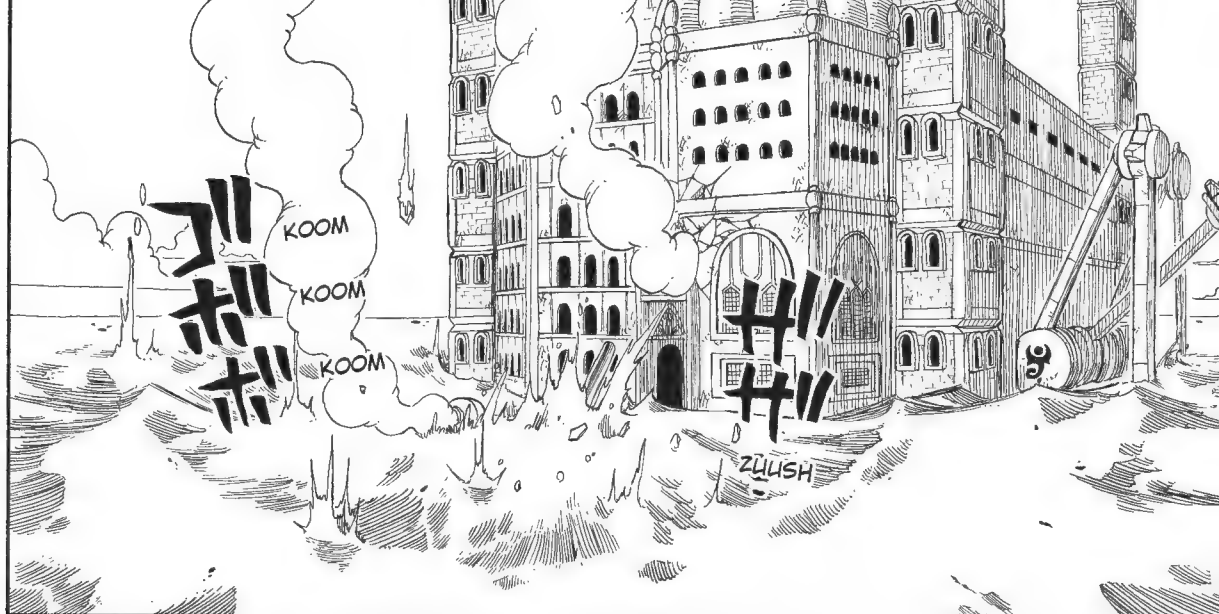


FAIRY TAIL

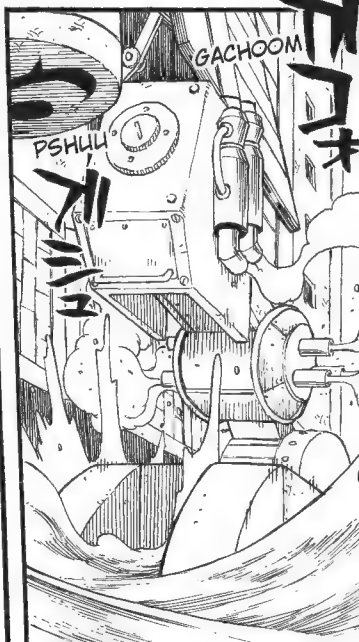
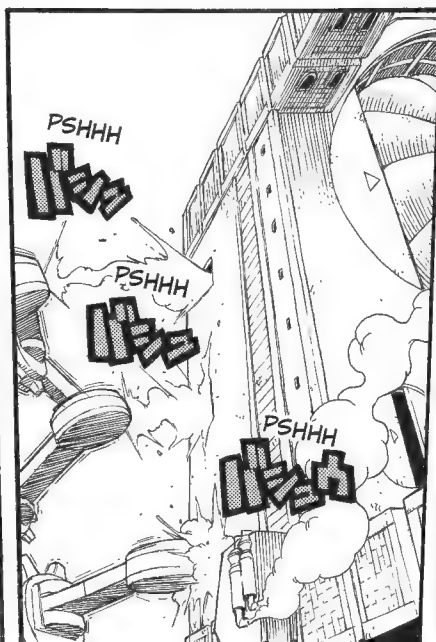
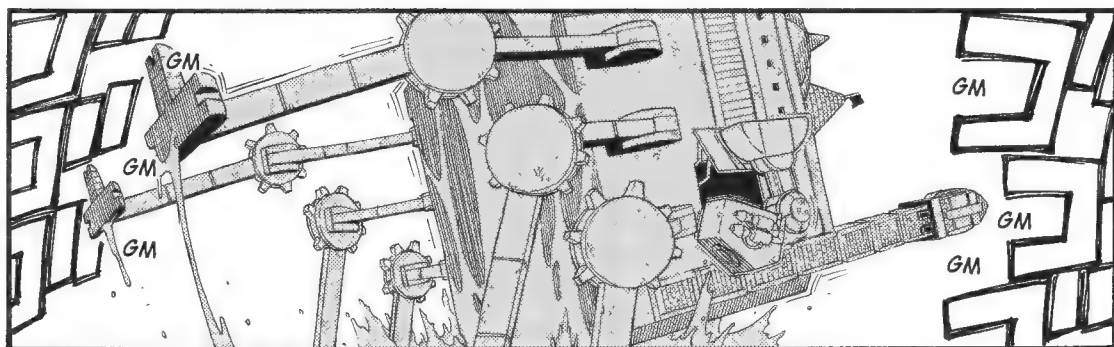


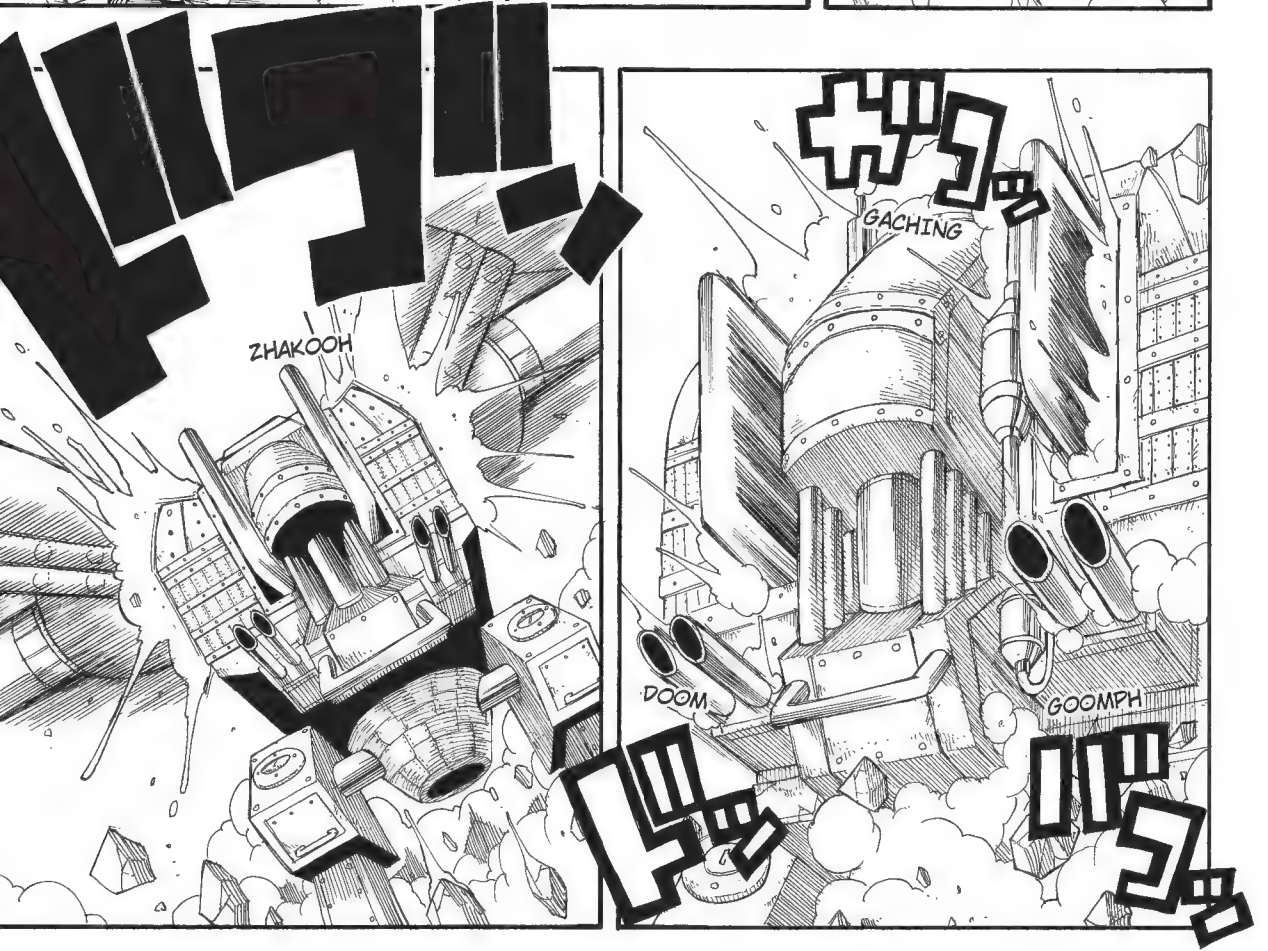
Remarks

He uses telepathy, a magic that allows one to converse mind-to-mind. In battle, it's possible for him to read his opponent's mind. Although he may not look it, he is classified as one of the more powerful wizards in the guild, and he has gone on a huge number of jobs alone. His fear of heights is a problem. At one point he took a girl on a date, but as they were crossing a bridge, his mental shouts of, "Help, save me!!! I'm scared!!!" were heard by everyone in the town.











...the Super-Magic Giant:
Phantom
MkII!!!!

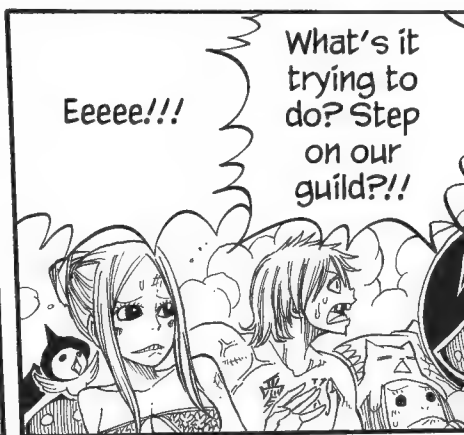
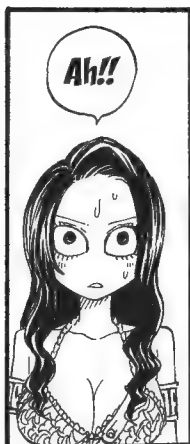
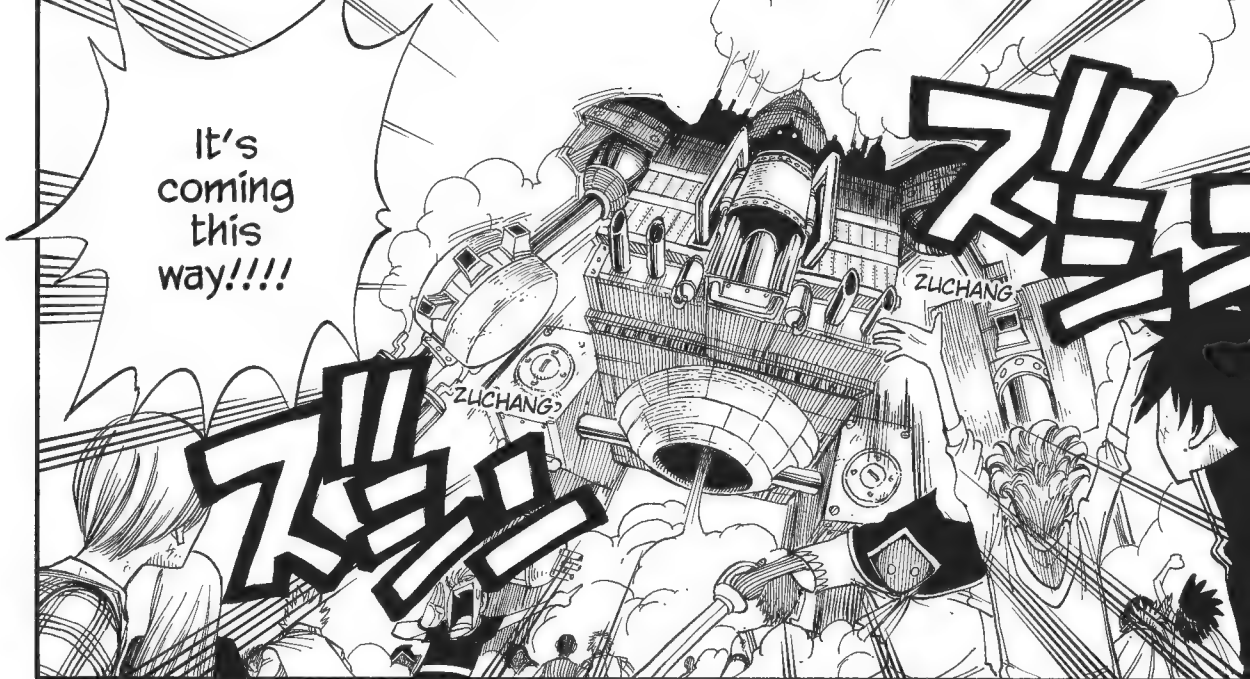
Wh-
What's
that sup-
posed to
be...?

Some
kind of
joke?!!

A
giant...

...

DOOM





That's it!!!
This is my
chance to turn
this around!!!



Hey, this guy
gets motion
sickness really
bad!!!

O...Ohh...
Is this thing...
moving...?

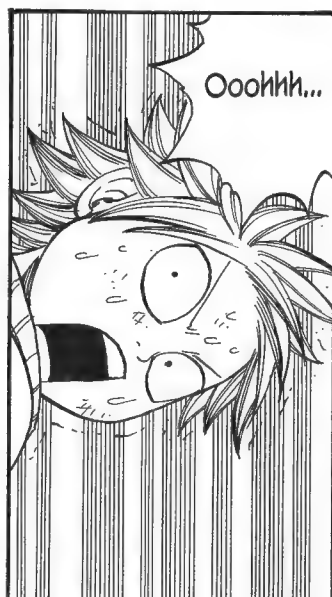


My most
deadly
magic,
Rainbow
Fire!!!!

Fire may not
work on him
normally, but
his condition
now changes
everything!!!



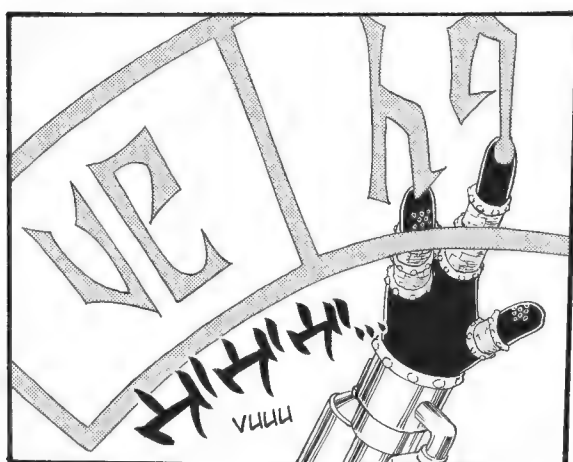
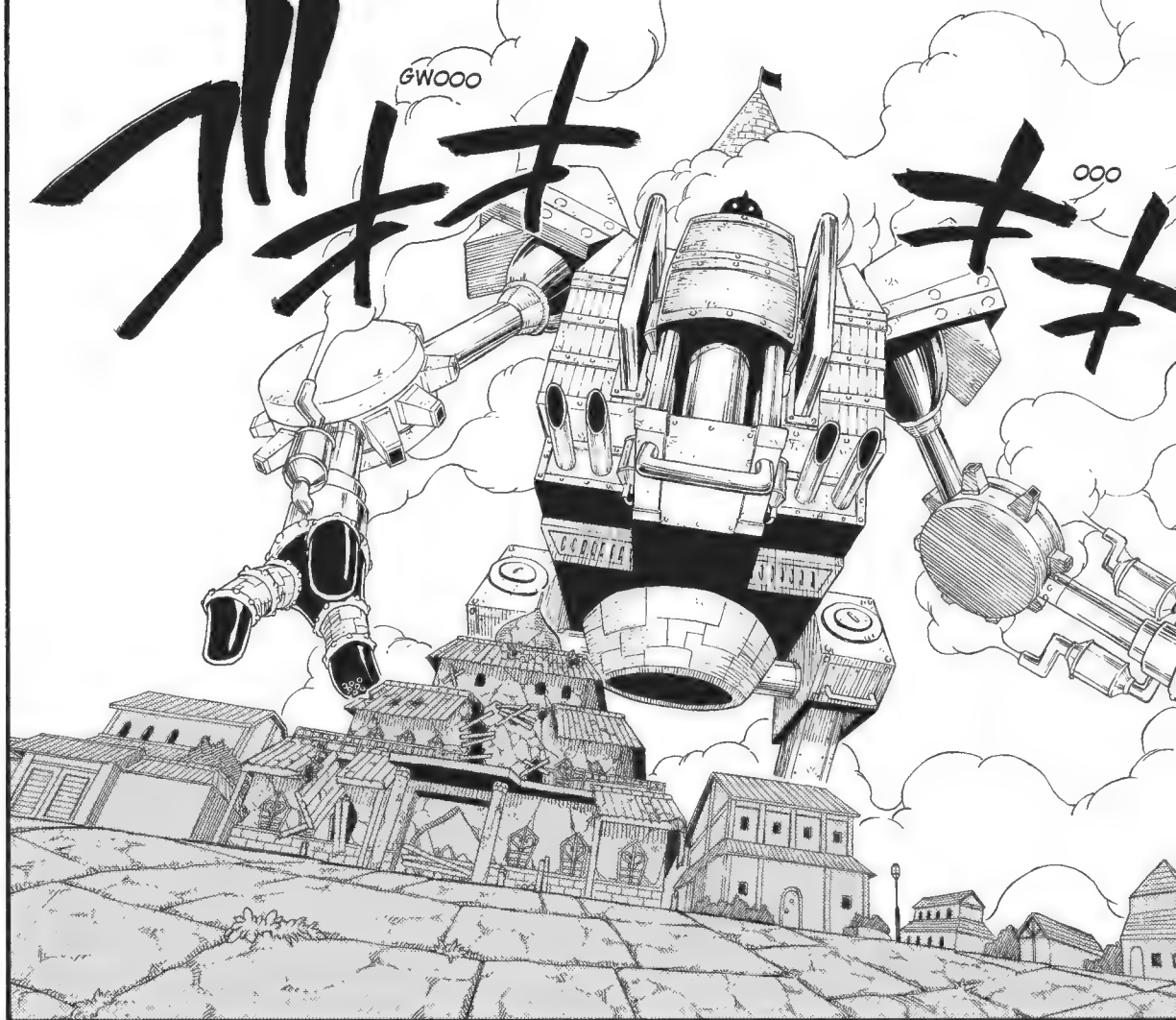
Take
this!!!!



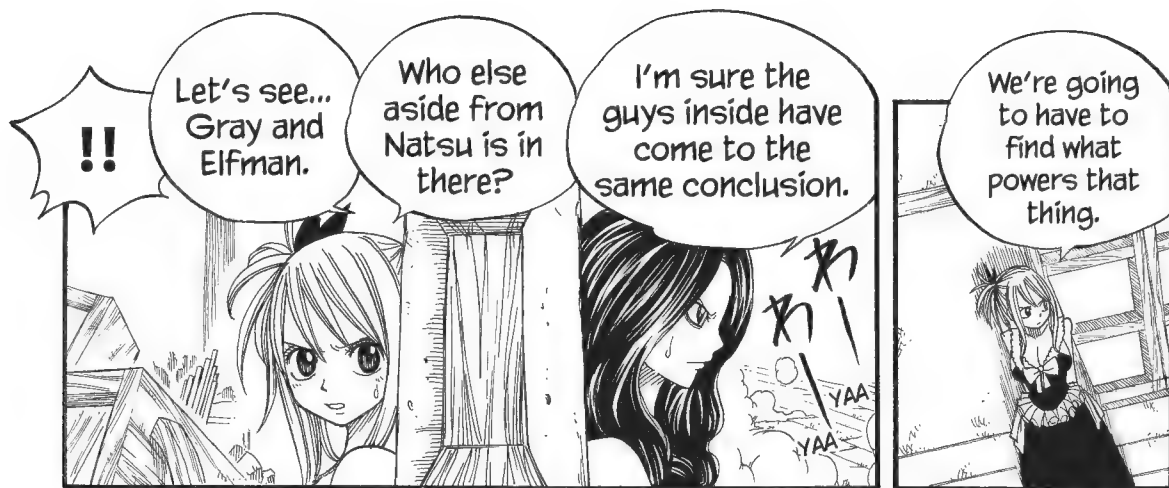
Oooohh...

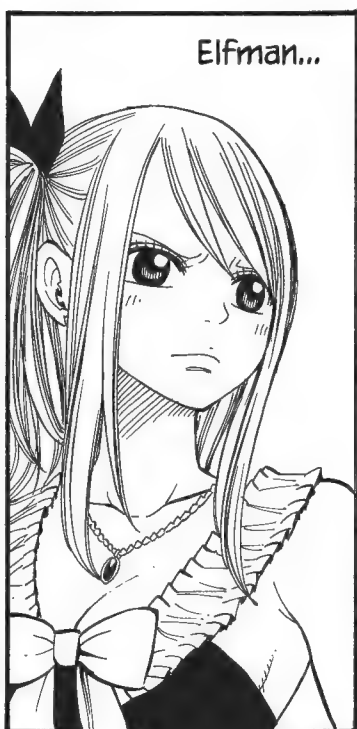
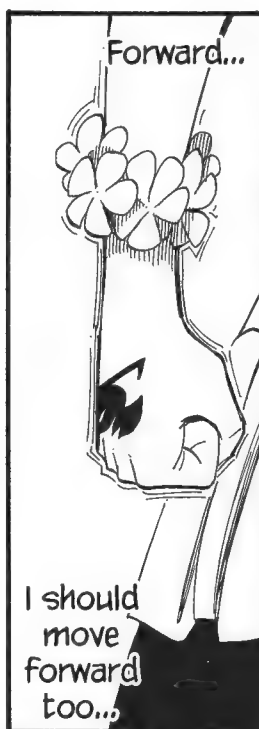
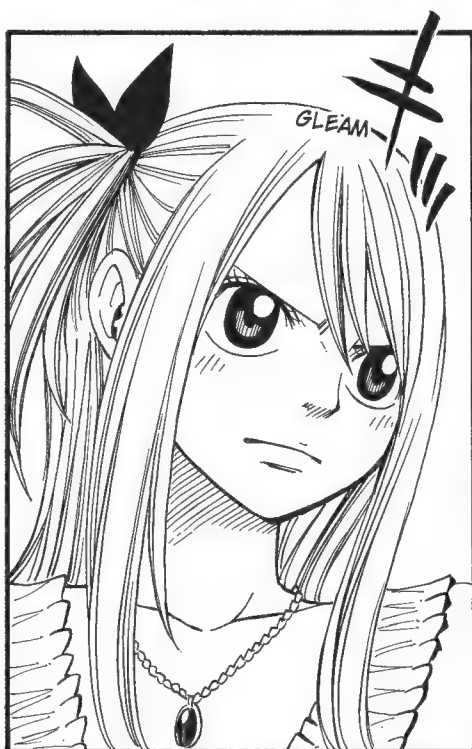
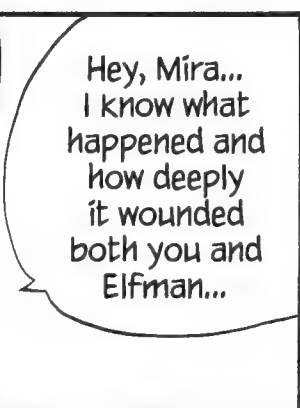








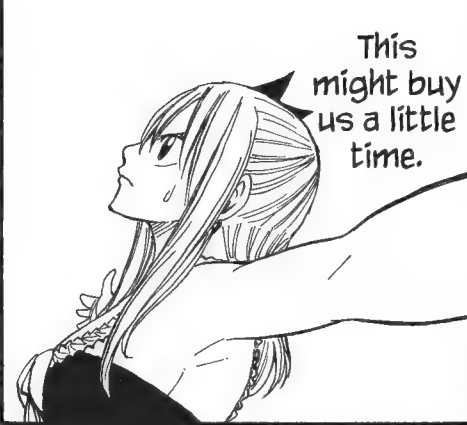








Master!!!
That's....!!!



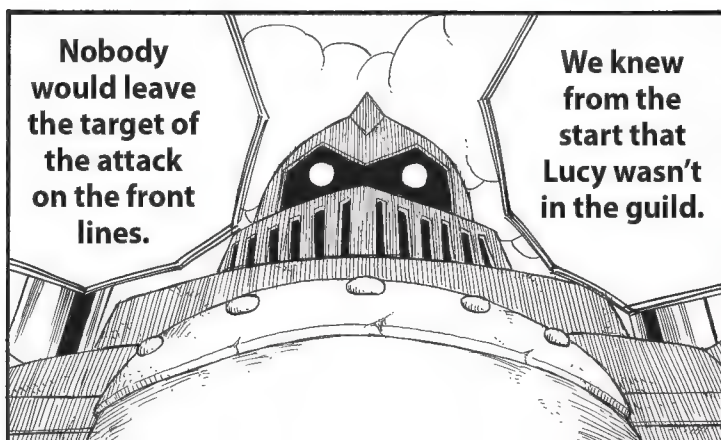
This
might buy
us a little
time.



*You
imposter
!!!*

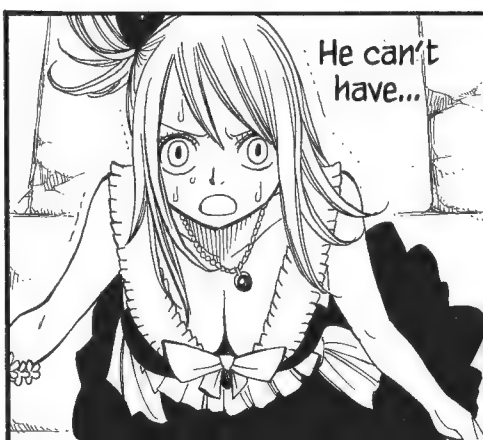


Leave
or die!!!

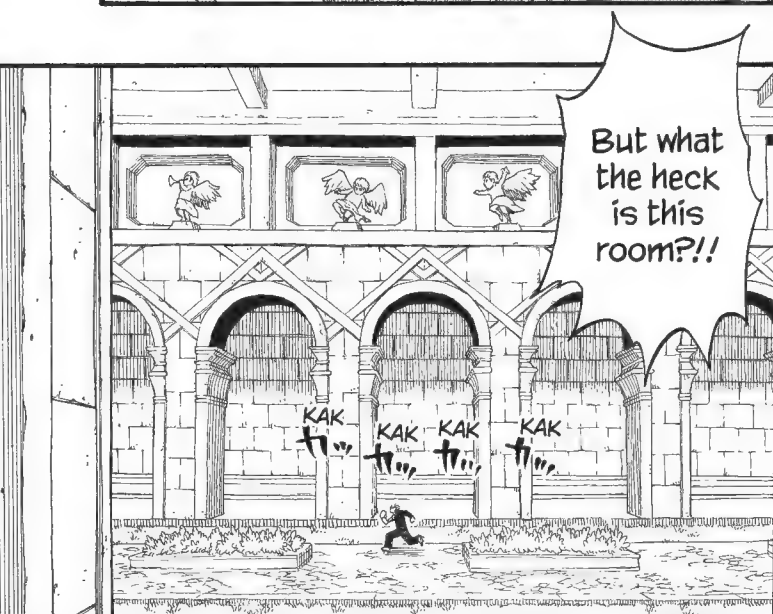
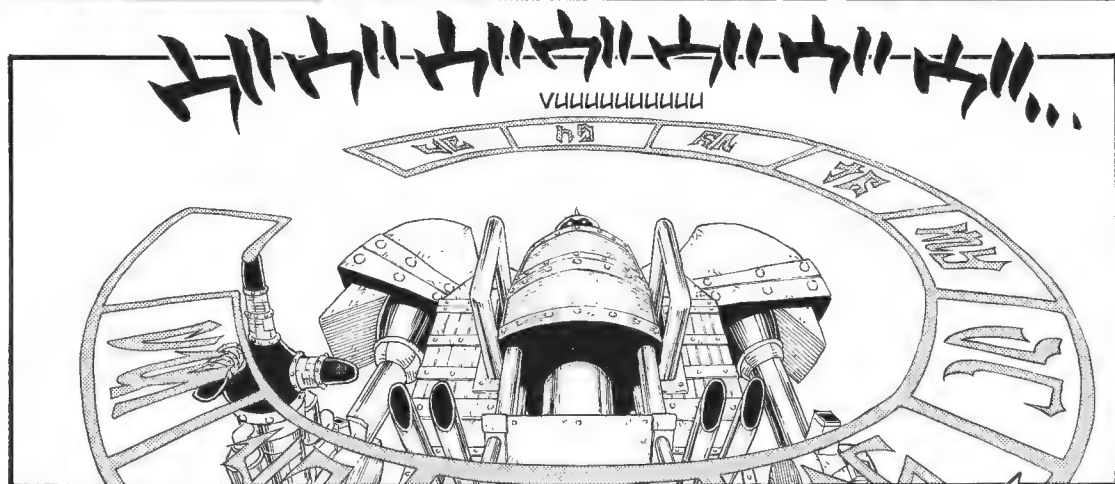
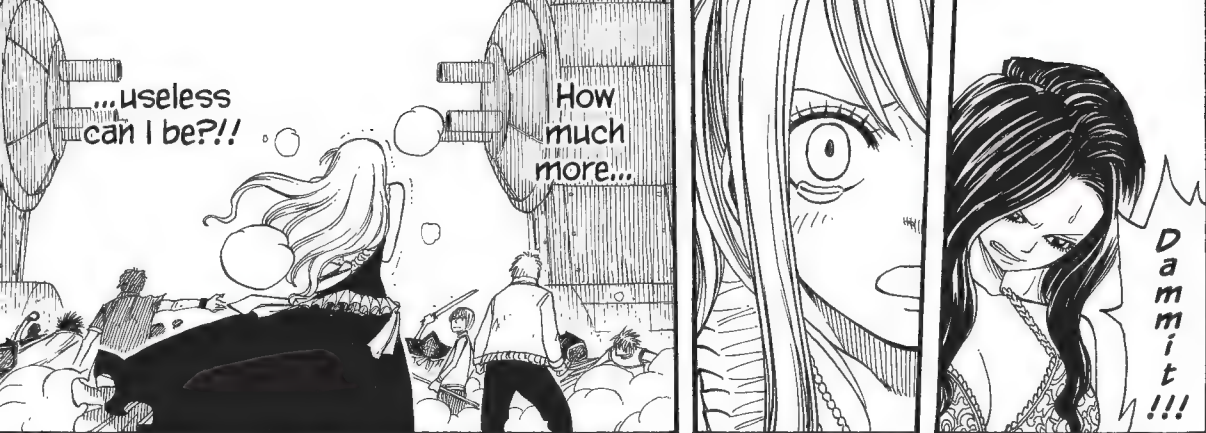


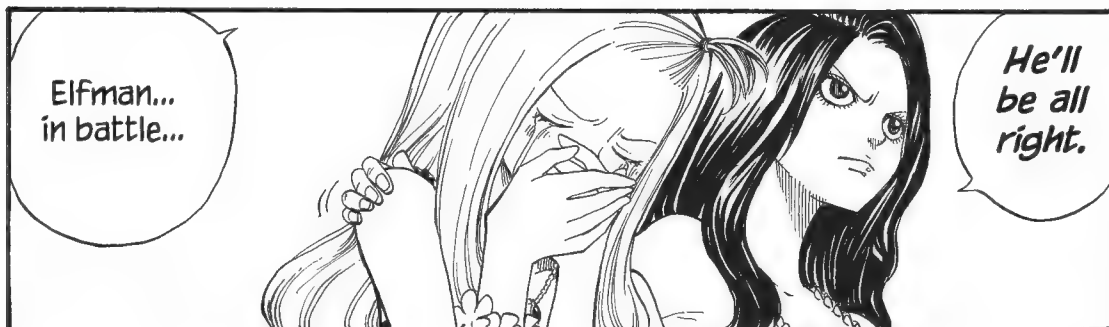
Nobody
would leave
the target of
the attack
on the front
lines.

We knew
from the
start that
Lucy wasn't
in the guild.



He can't
have...

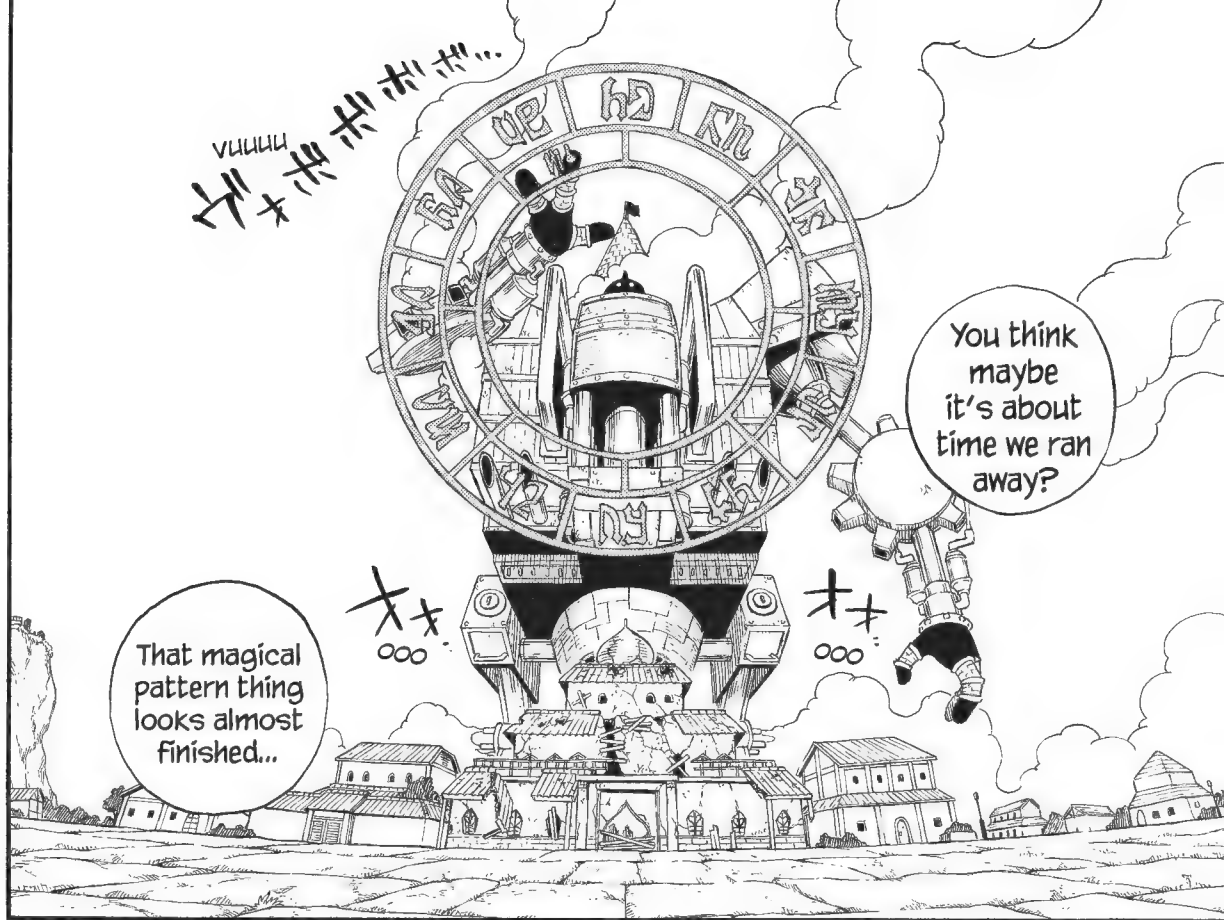




FAIRY TAIL

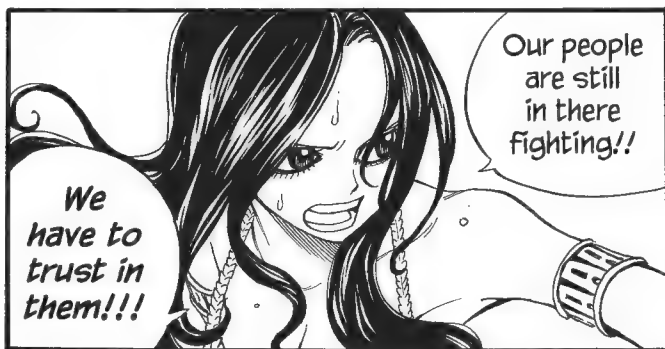


Chapter 55: So No One Sees the Tears



That magical
pattern thing
looks almost
finished...

You think
maybe
it's about
time we ran
away?



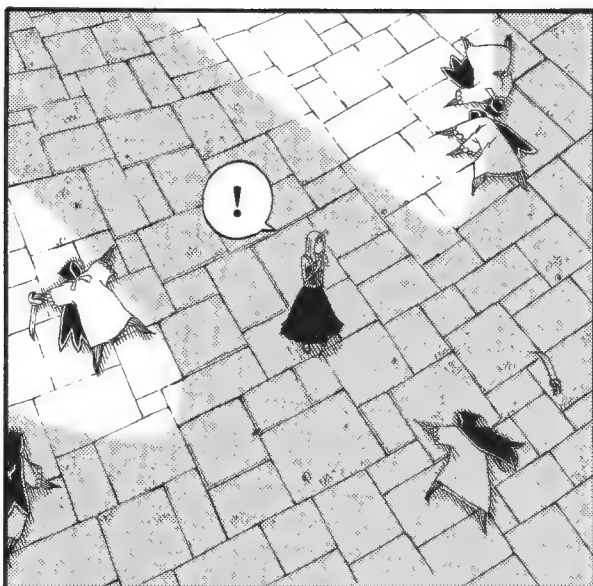
We
have to
trust in
them!!!

Our people
are still
in there
fighting!!

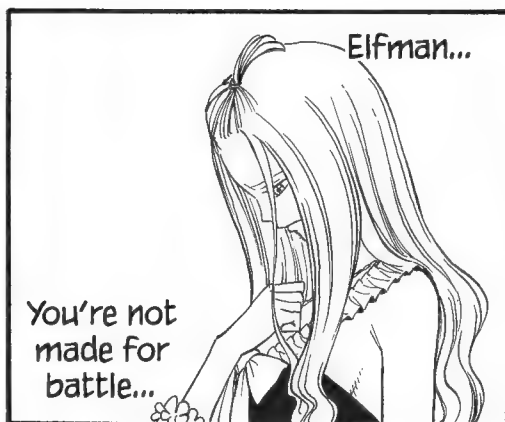


You're
saying we
just leave
the guild
behind?!

Um...
No, I
just...

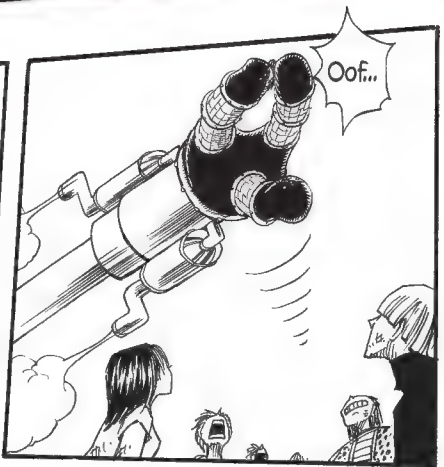
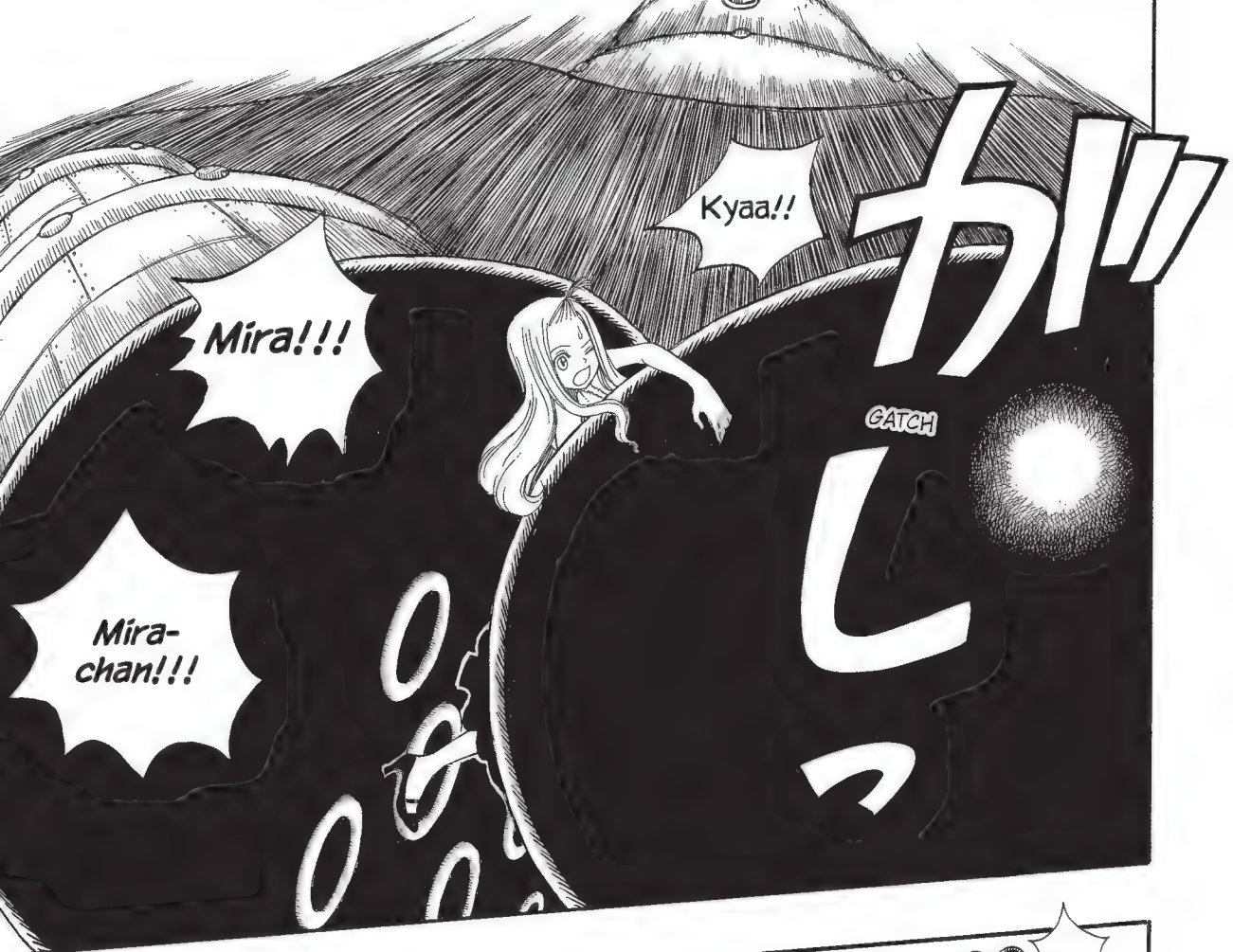


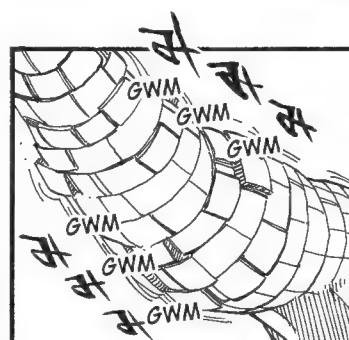
!



Elfman...

You're not
made for
battle...







I know all about you... Or rather, data on all of the Fairy Tail wizards is inside my head.



Hm?!

And I wonder if the rumor is true.

Oh, dear! Are you sure you only want to use one arm?

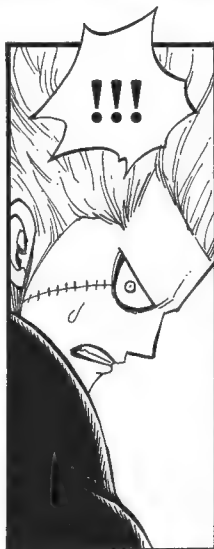


Enough of the chatter!!!



Gah!!

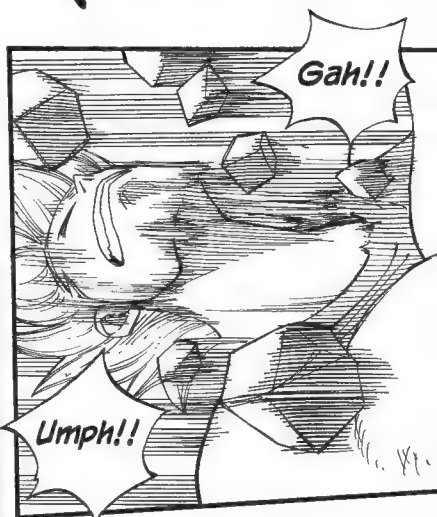
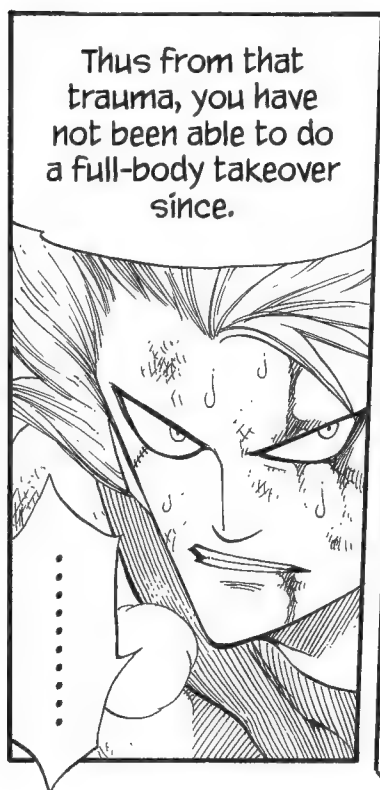
Sable Dance!!!

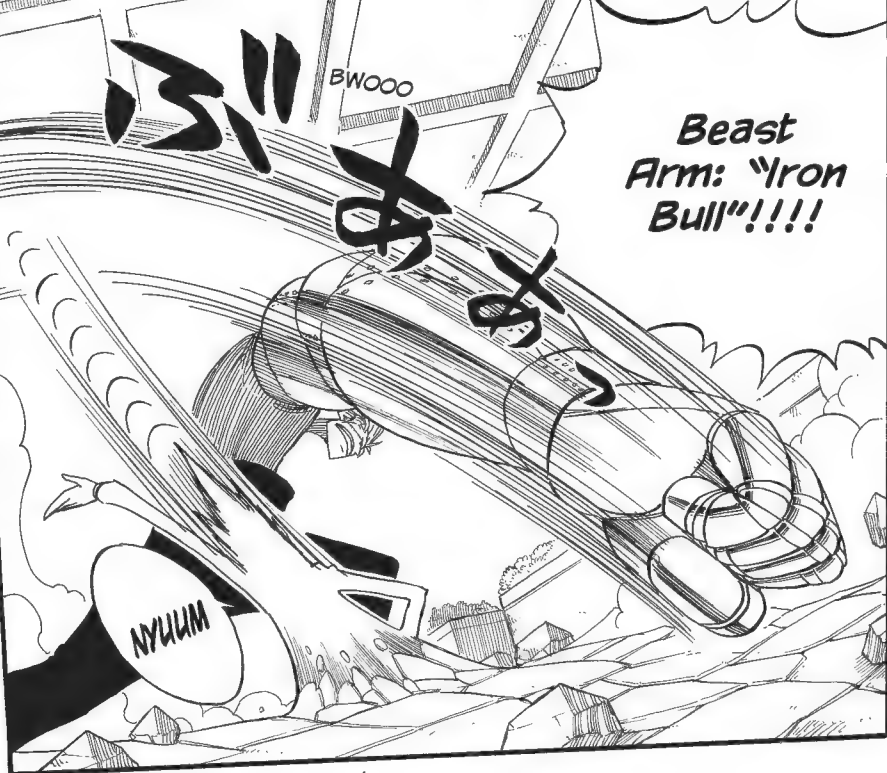


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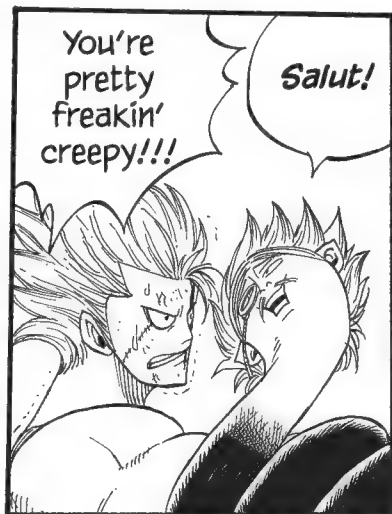
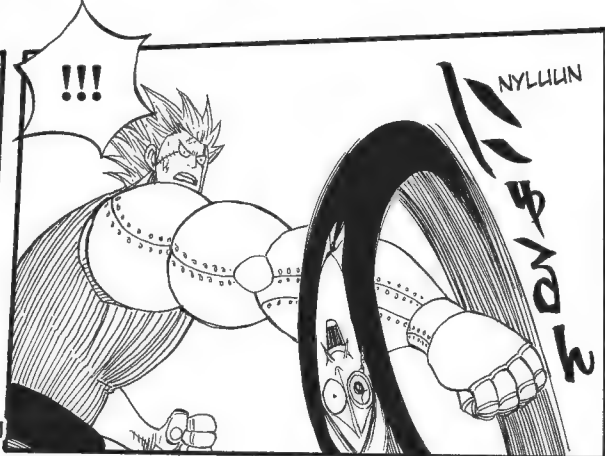


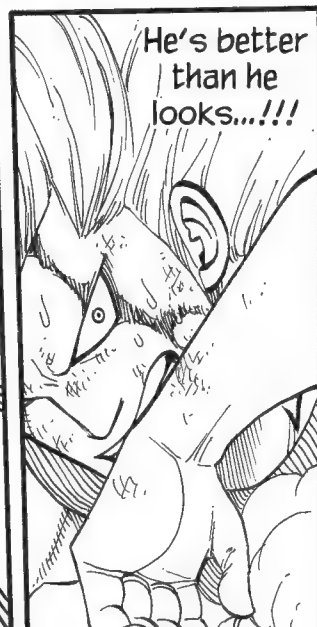
You had a... younger sister, did you not?

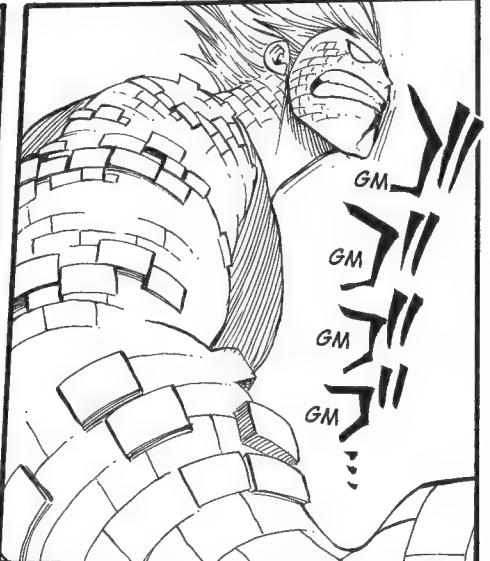
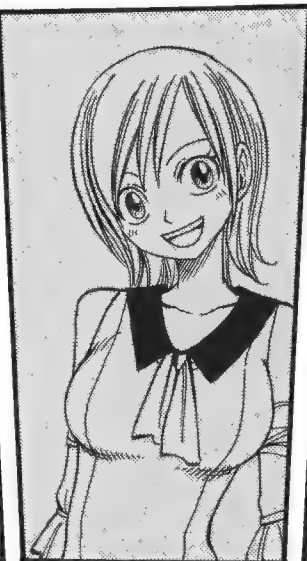


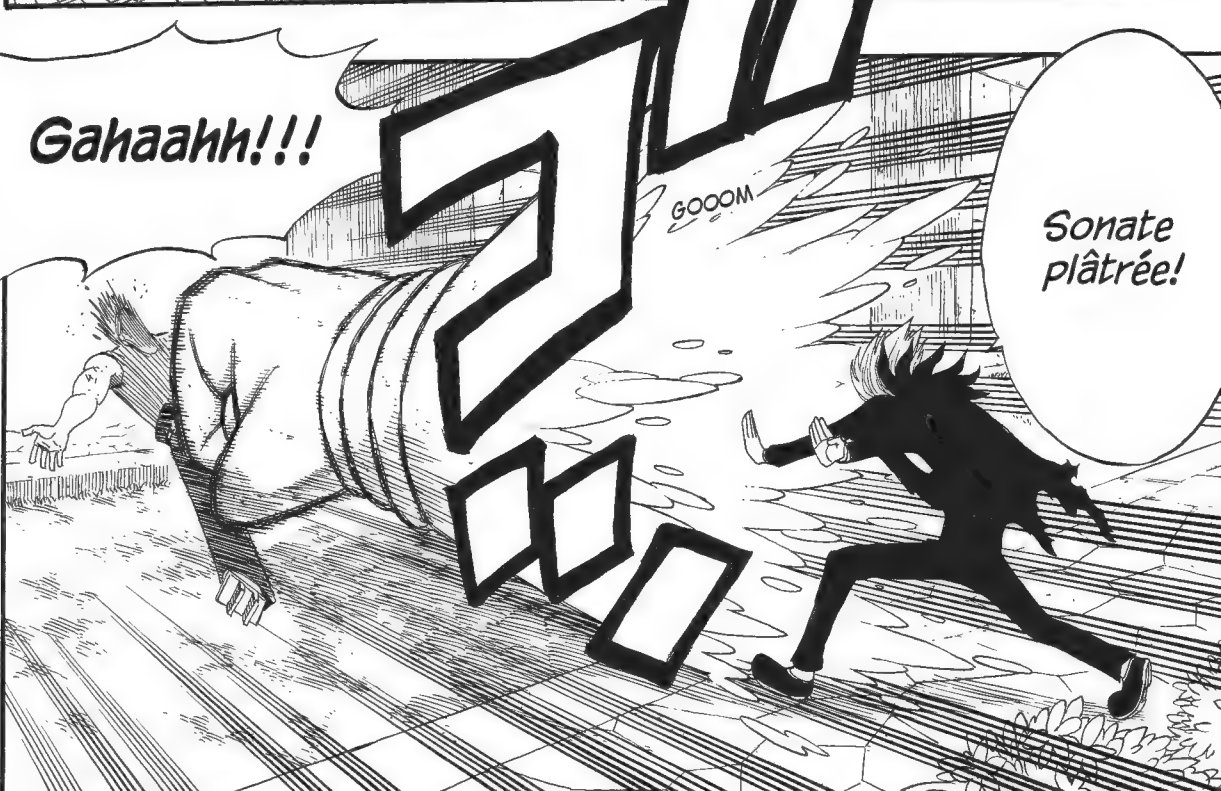
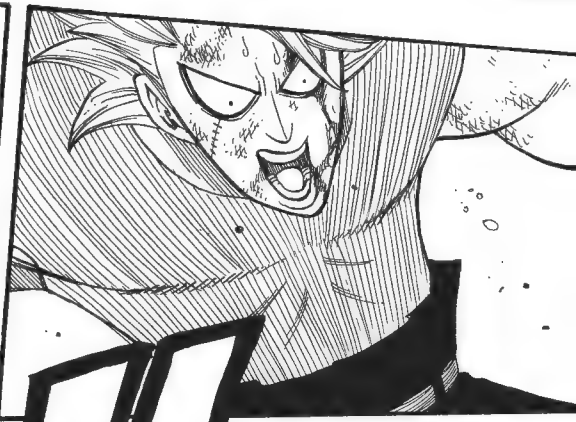
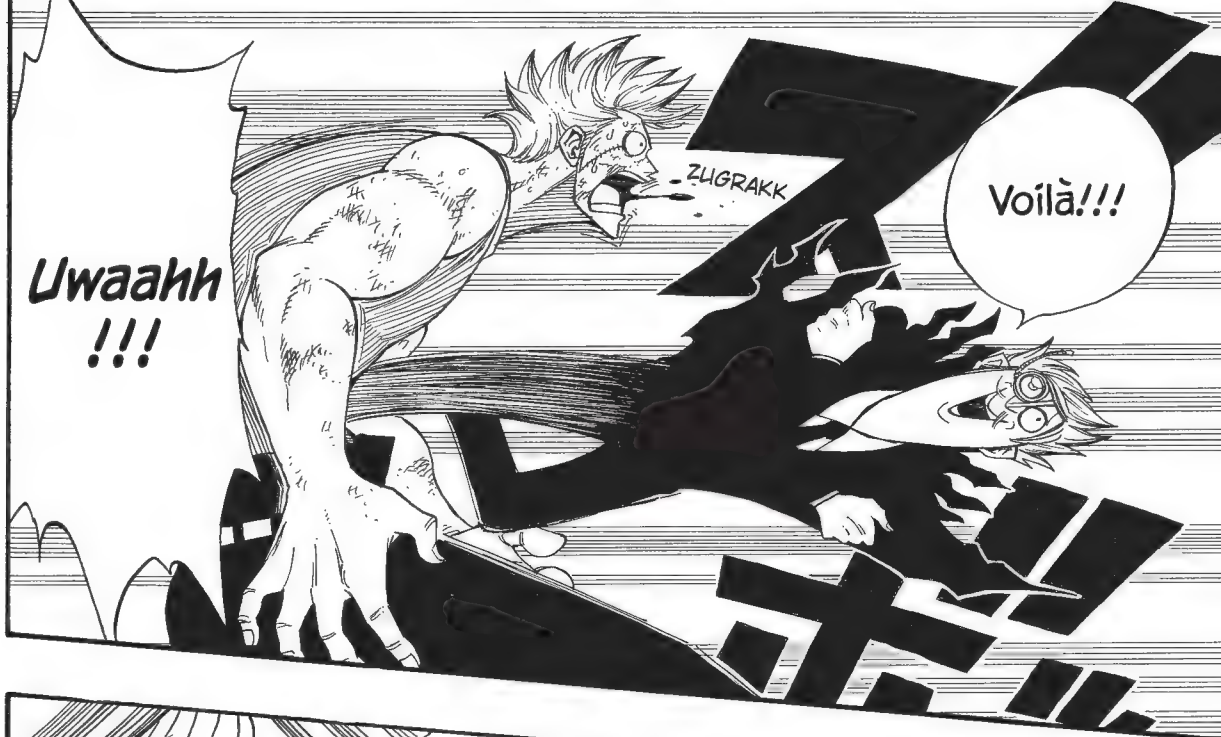


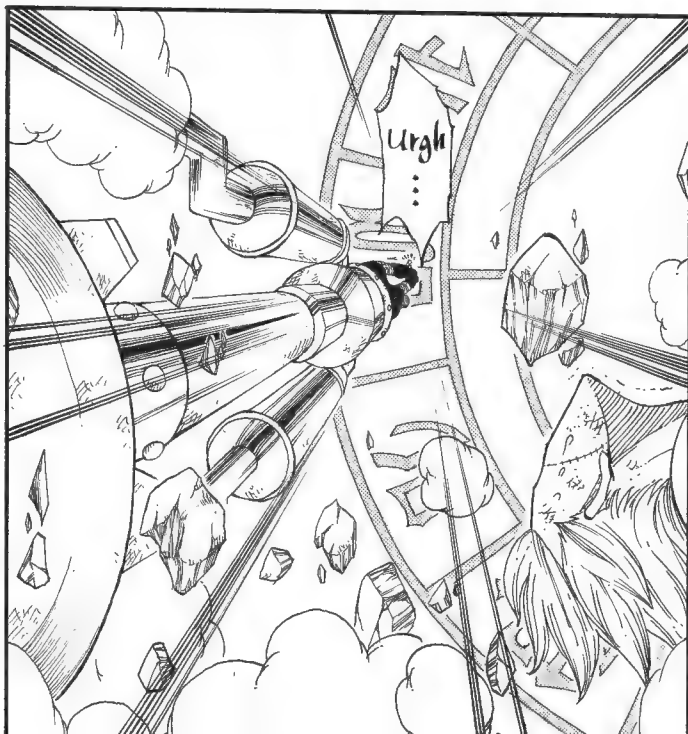
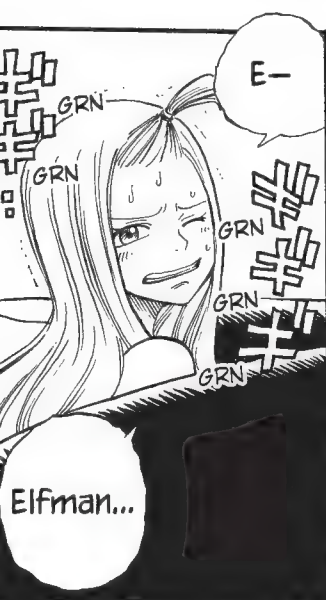
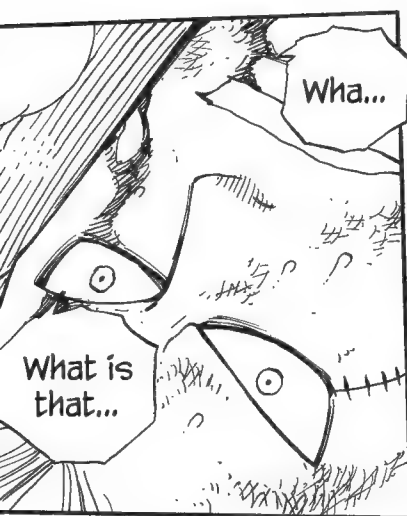
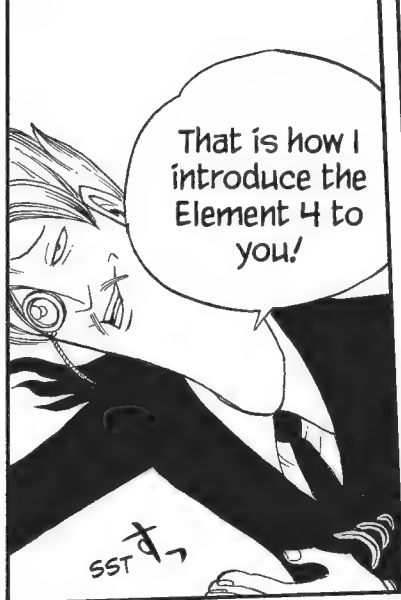
Beast
Arm: "Iron
Bull"!!!!





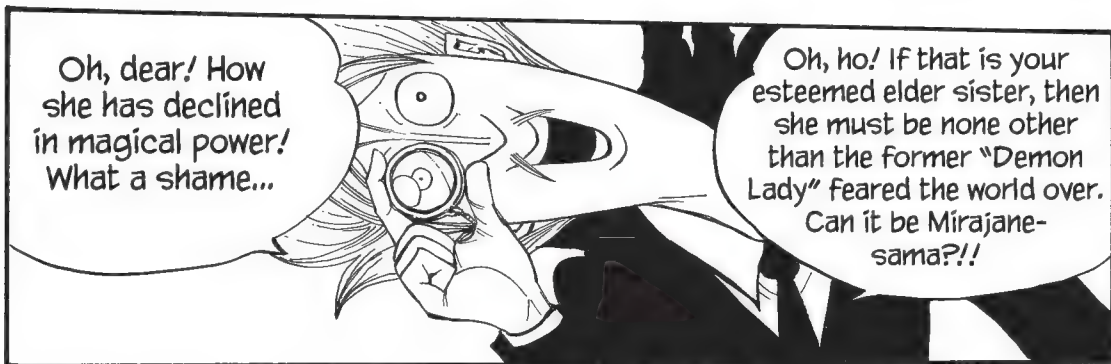






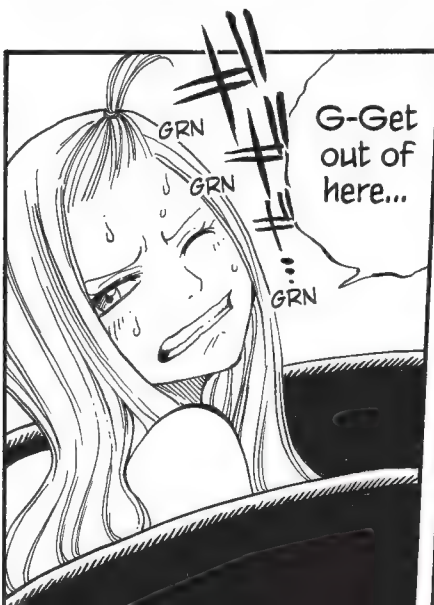


Sis!!!!



Oh, dear! How she has declined in magical power! What a shame...

Oh, ho! If that is your esteemed elder sister, then she must be none other than the former "Demon Lady" feared the world over. Can it be Mirajane-sama?!!



G-Get out of here...



She'll soon be crushed...

It seems the young lady is receiving her just punishment for attempting to deceive us.



Stop it!!!
I don't care
what you do to
me, but leave
Elfman...



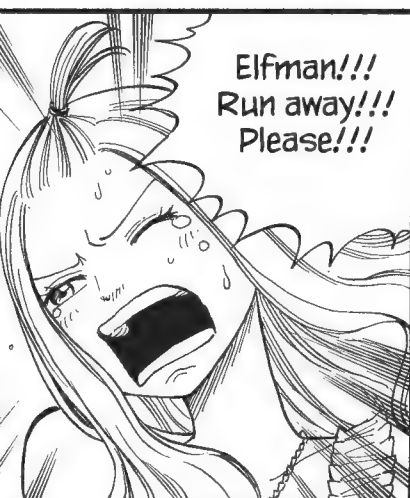
ZUKRAK

Guwah!!!

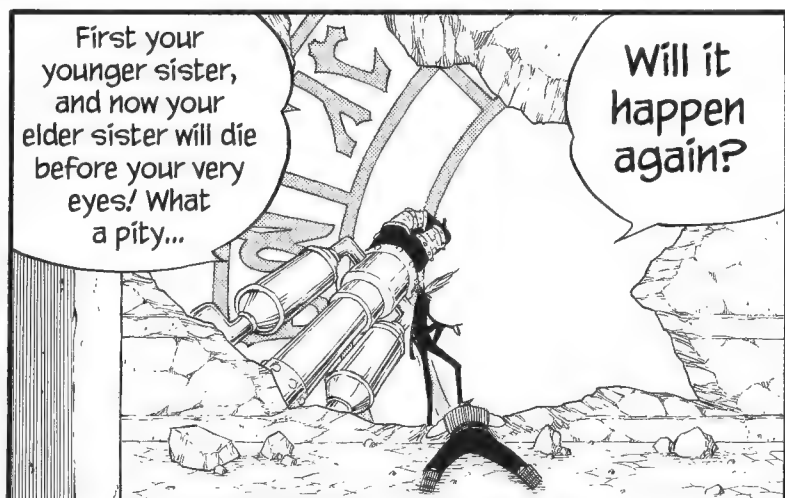


What
are you
doing?!!
Let go
of my
sister!!!

Sis!!



Elfman!!!
Run away!!!
Please!!!



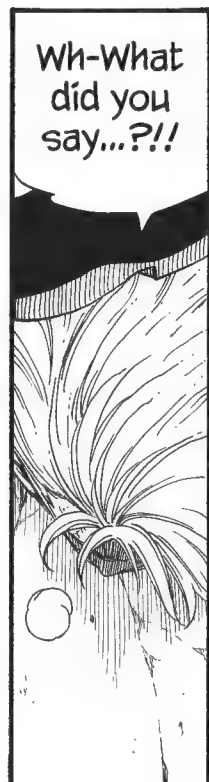
First your
younger sister,
and now your
elder sister will die
before your very
eyes! What
a pity...

Will it
happen
again?

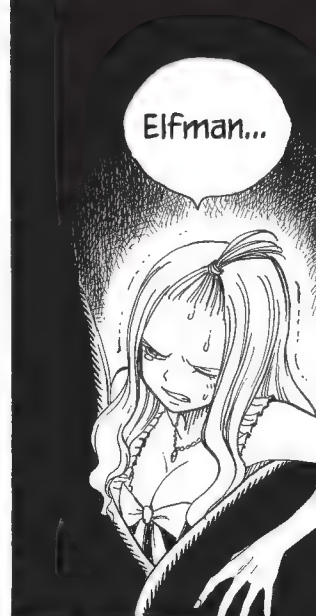


So why is
she crying
now?!!!

*I made a
vow that I
will never
allow my
sister
to weep
again!!!*

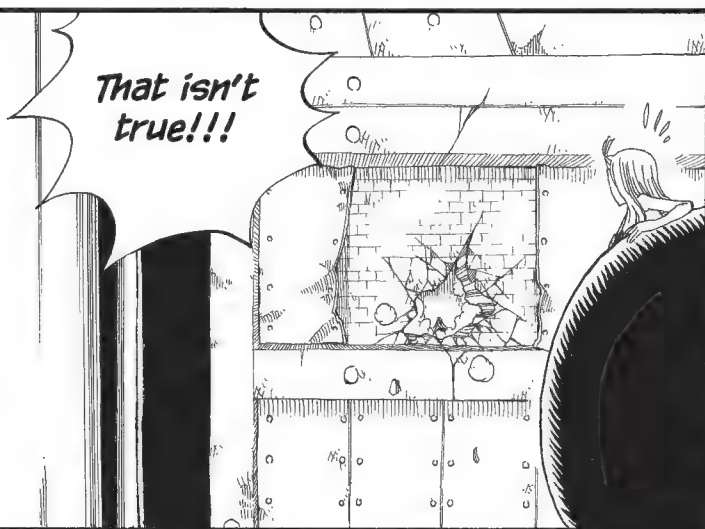


Wh-What
did you
say...?!!





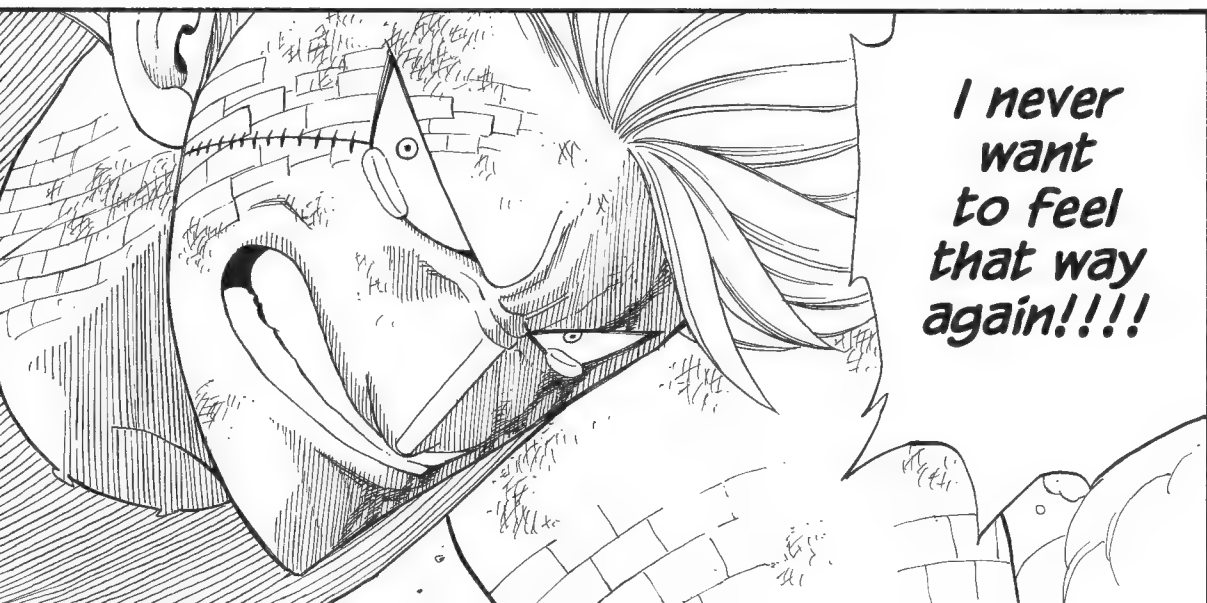
*That isn't
true!!!*



The reason
Lisanna died...
was because
I was too
weak...

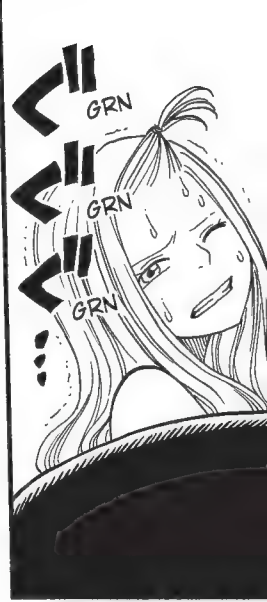


*I never
want
to feel
that way
again!!!!*

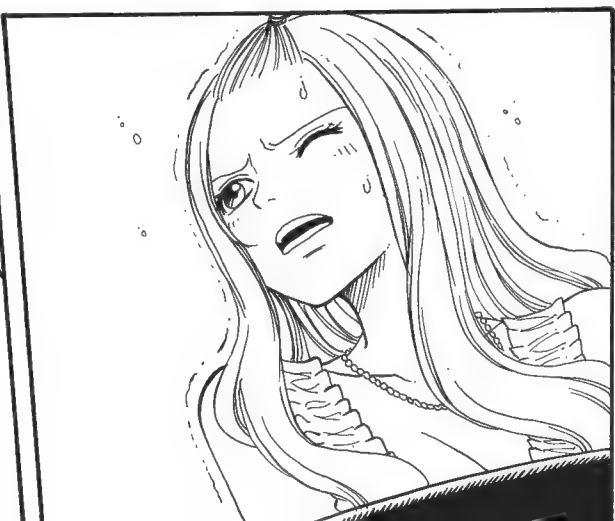
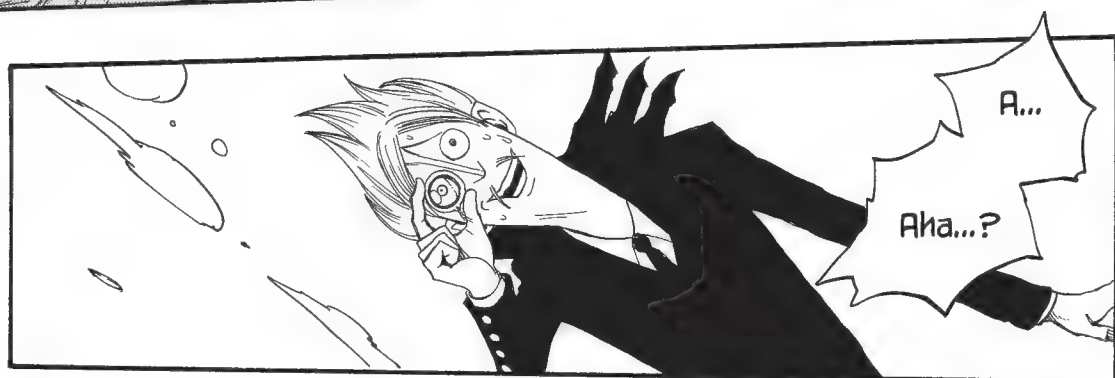
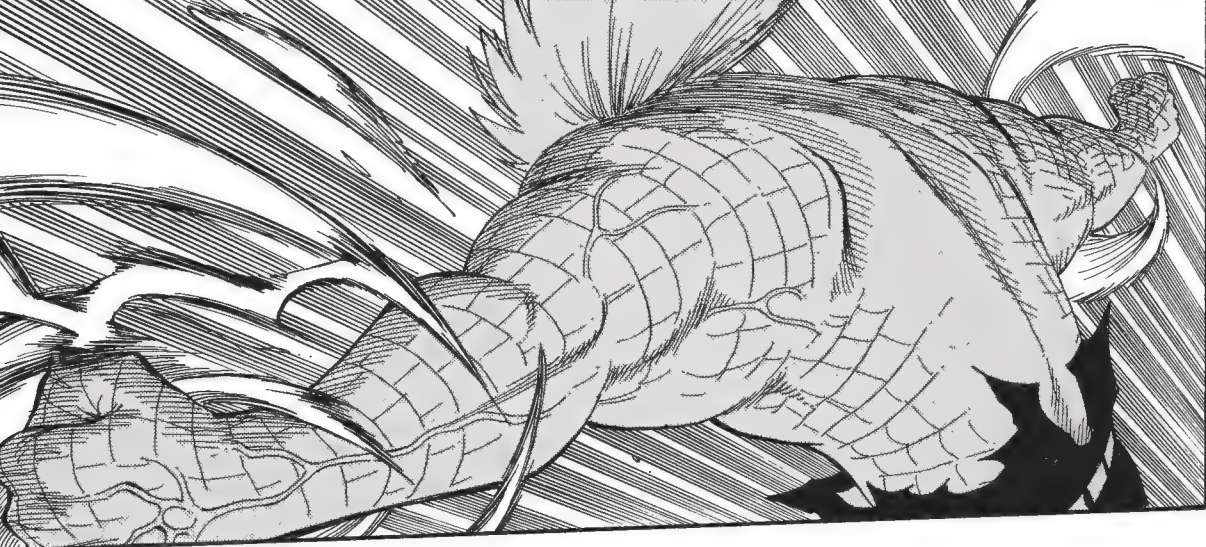




*I will be
a strong
man
who can
protect
his
sister!!!*



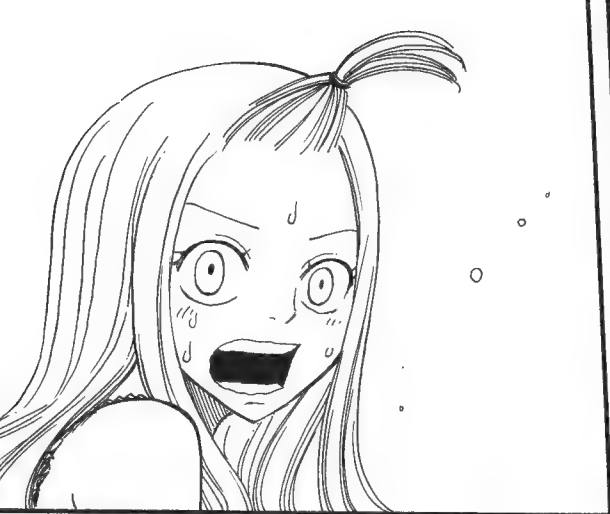
*Let go of
my sister!!!!*



Can that
be the
**Full-Body
Takeover:
Beast
Soul?!!!**

DOOOOM





Non...



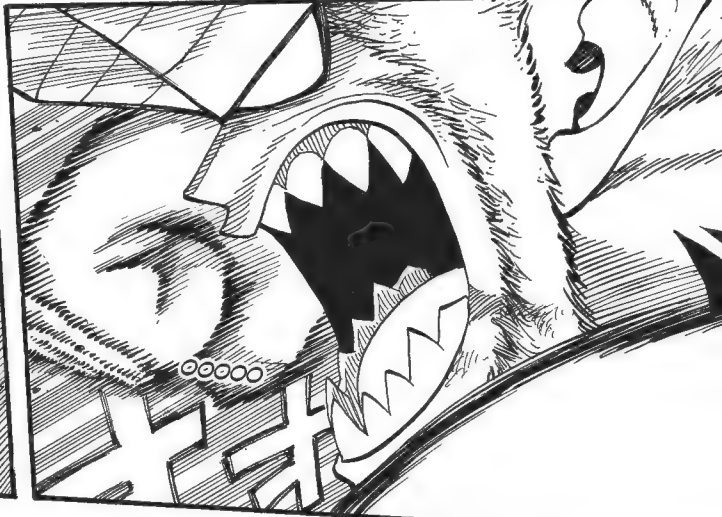
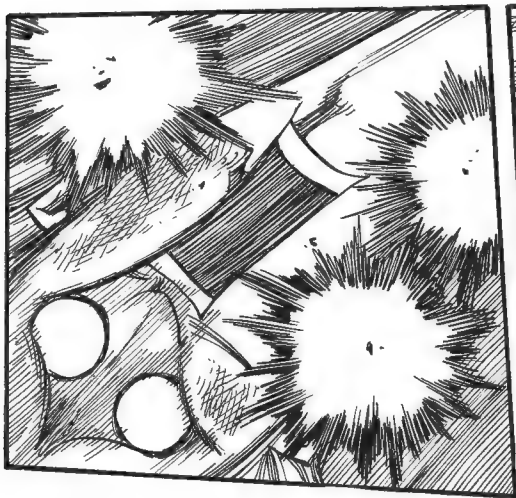
Non,
non, non,
non, non,
non...!!!!

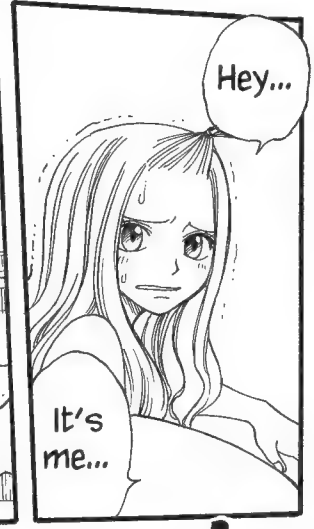
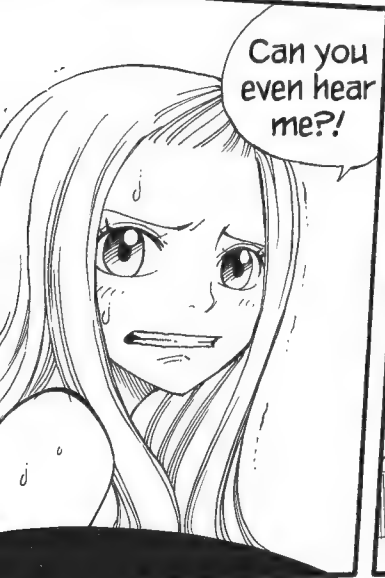


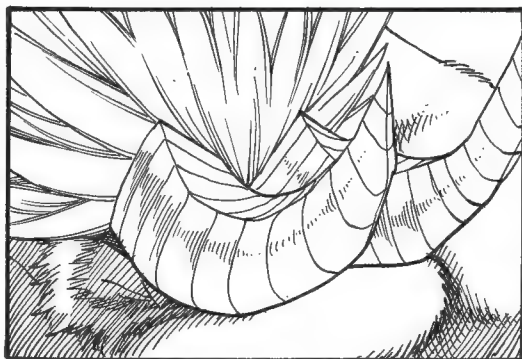
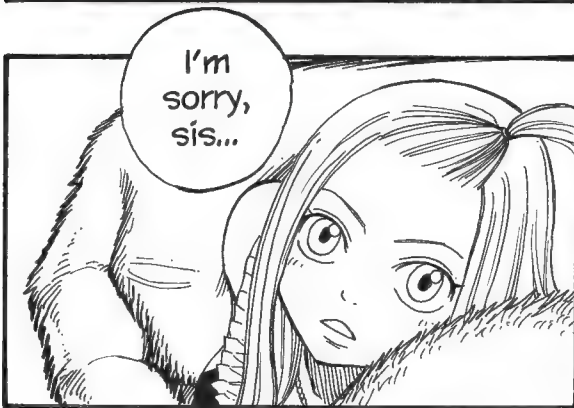
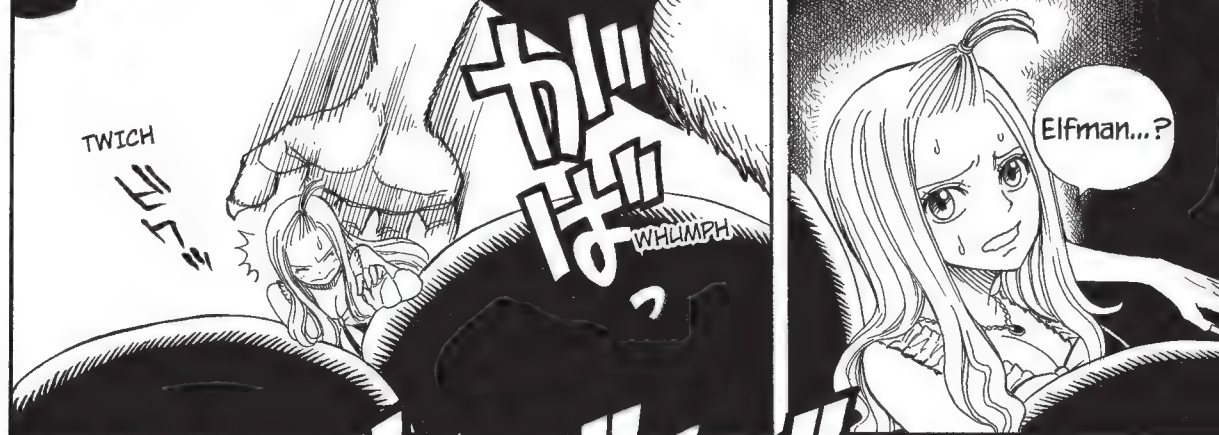
FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 56: A Flower Blooms in the Rain












And it was because I couldn't control it that Lisanna...

You never wanted to see this creature again, did you?

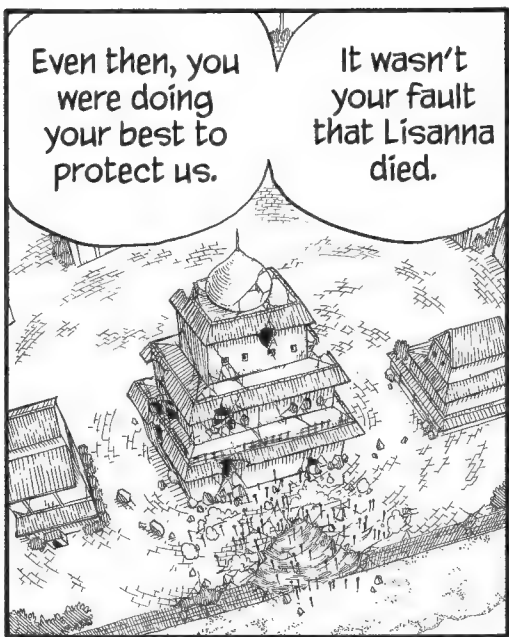


To protect you and Fairy Tail, I had to get stronger...

But...this was the only way I could think of.

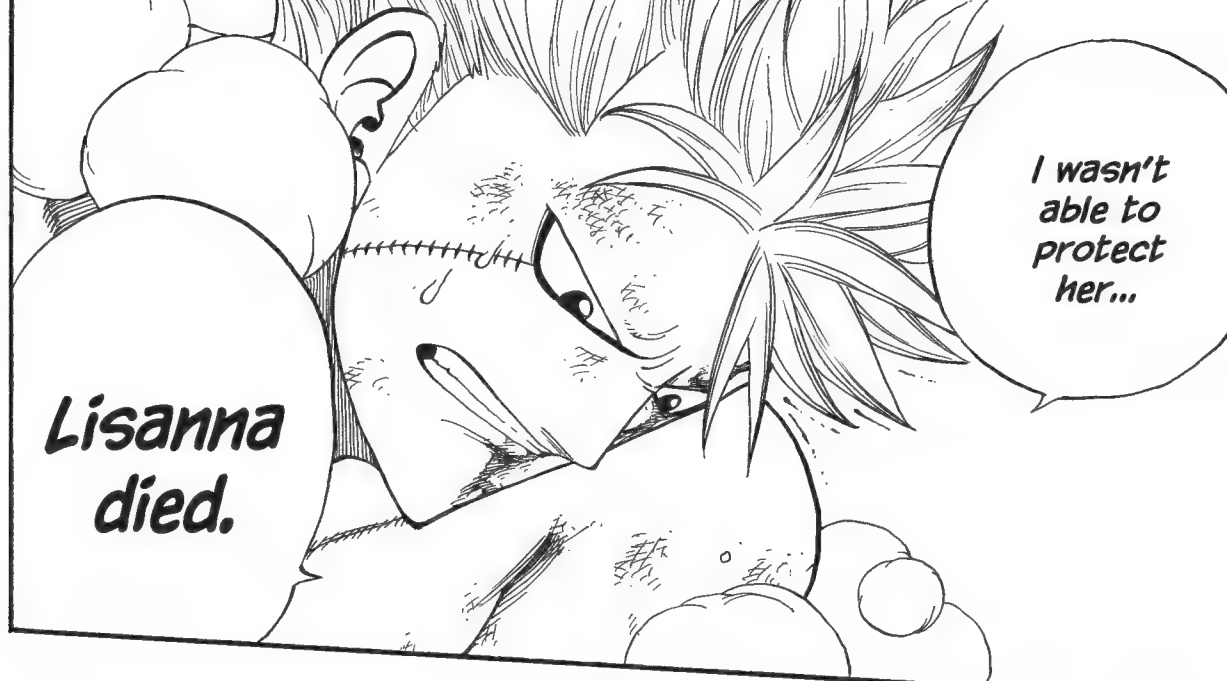


You... kept your reason...



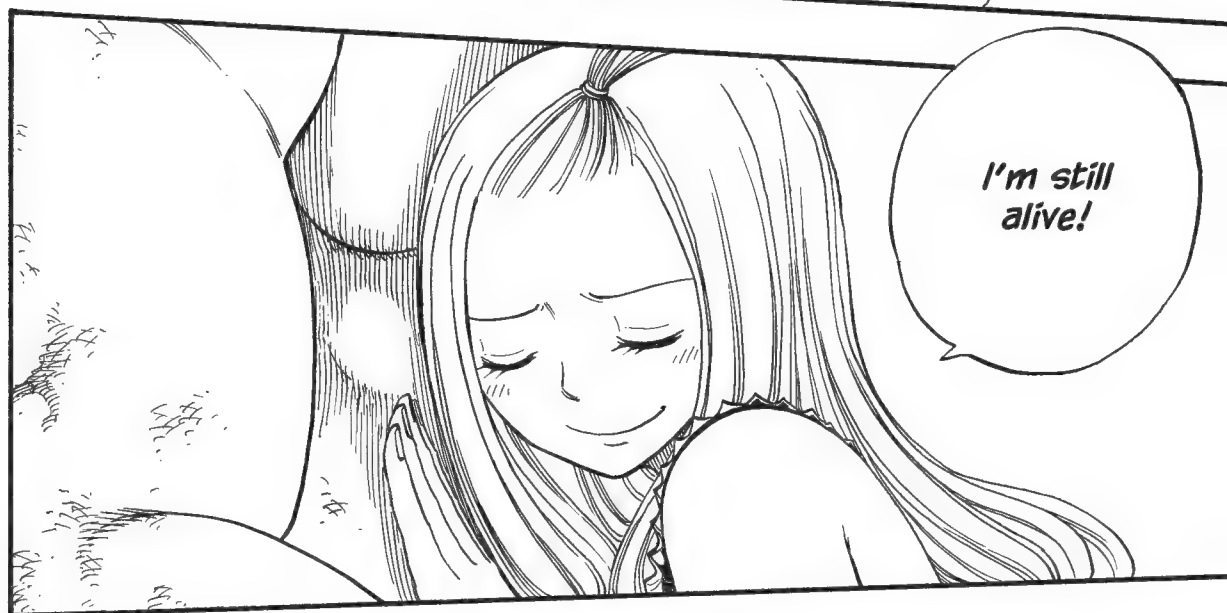
Even then, you were doing your best to protect us.

It wasn't your fault that Lisanna died.

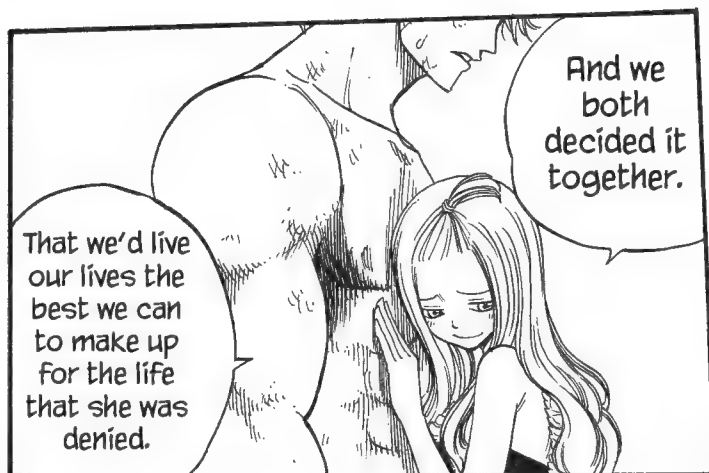


*I wasn't
able to
protect
her...*

**Lisanna
died.**



*I'm still
alive!*



And we
both
decided it
together.

That we'd live
our lives the
best we can
to make up
for the life
that she was
denied.

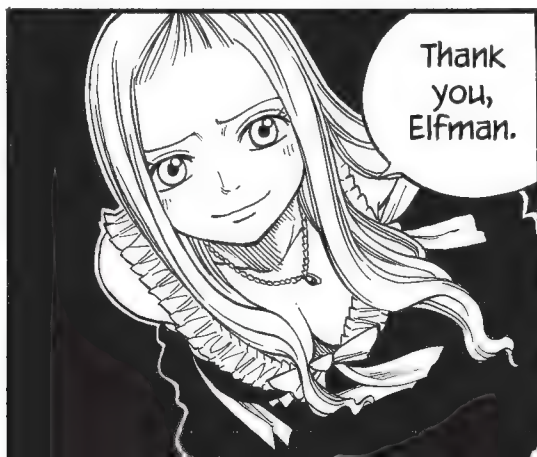


Sis...



*I'm so
happy
you're
safe!!!!*

*Sis!!!
Waahh!!!*



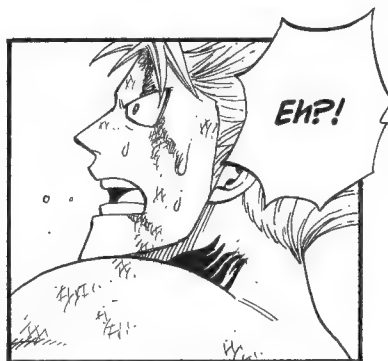
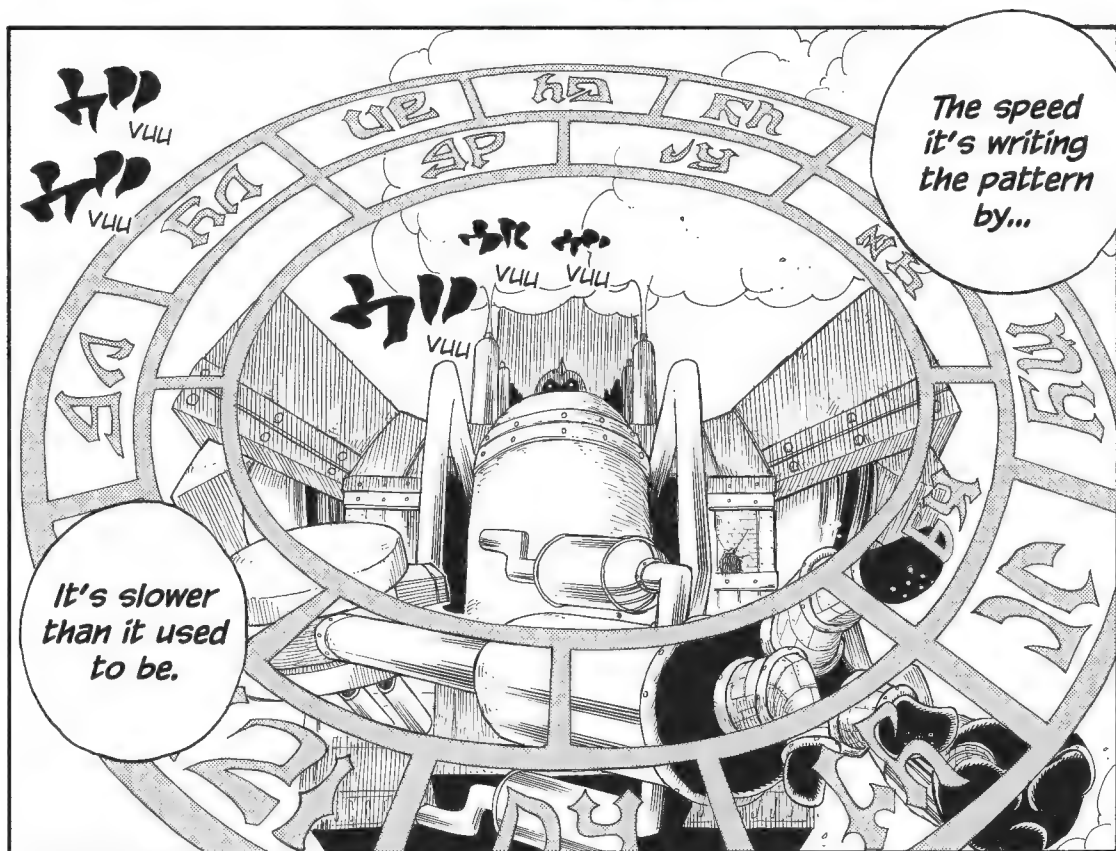
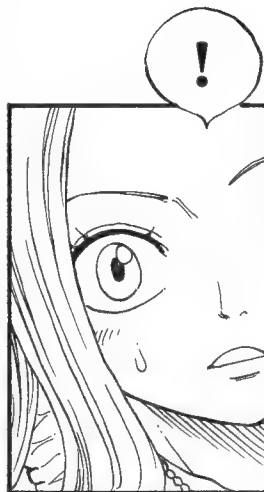
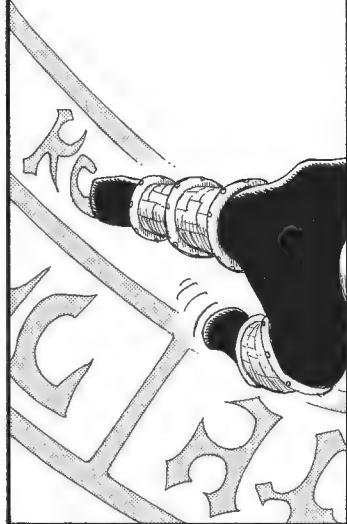
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you,
Elfman.

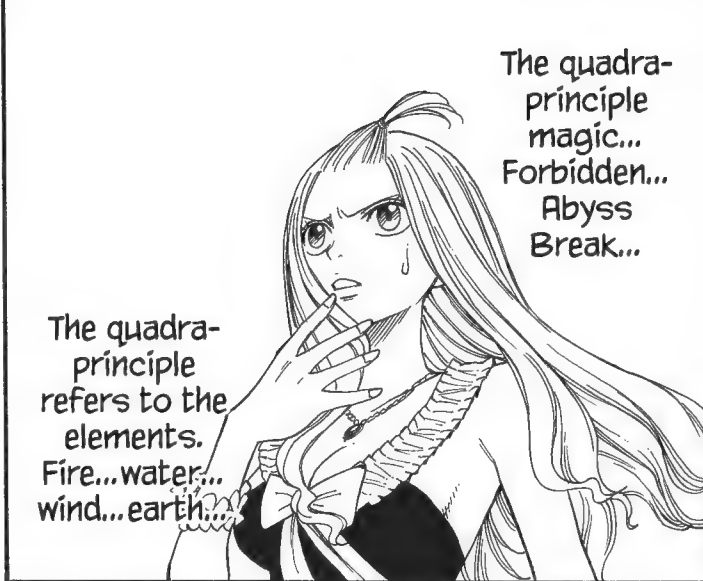
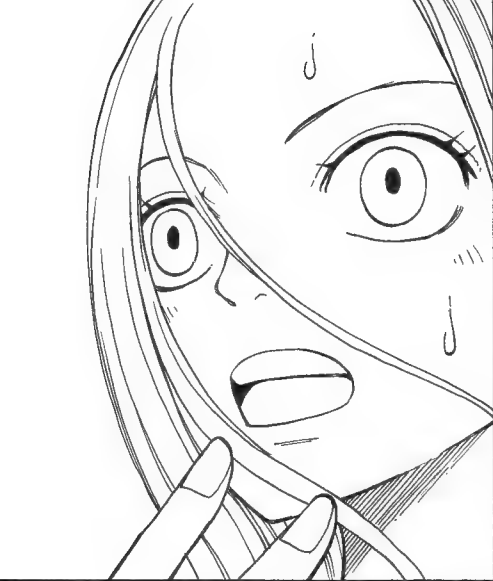


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WAAAHH

What
good
will
crying
do
you?

Oh,
come
on!





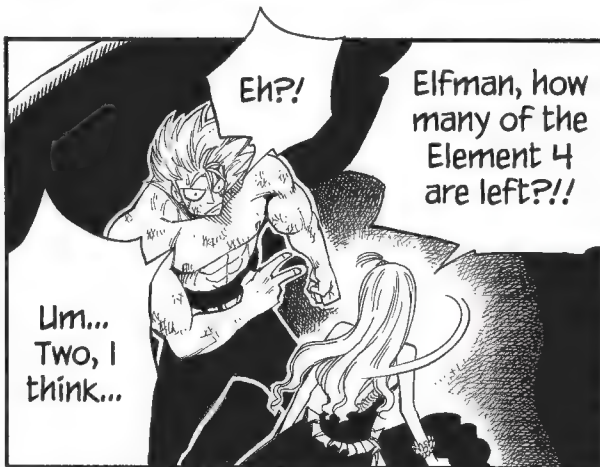
The quadra-
principle
magic...
Forbidden...
Abyss
Break...

The quadra-
principle
refers to the
elements.
Fire...water...
wind...earth...



It's true!! When
he was knocked
out, the giant's
movements
slowed down!

What
did you
say?!



Eh?!

Elfman, how
many of the
Element 4
are left?!!

Um...
Two, I
think...



If we can
defeat all of
the Element 4,
we can keep
that pattern
from being
created!!!!

In other
words,
that giant
machine is
powered by
the four
elements!!!

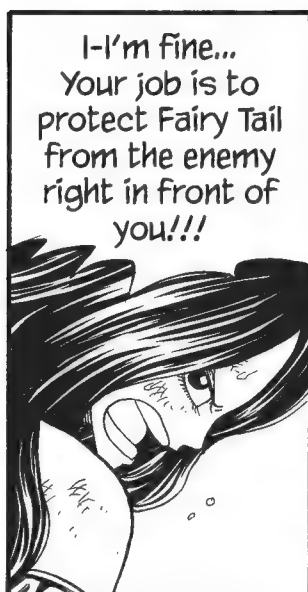


R-Right!!!

We have to hurry!!! The other two must be in the giant somewhere!!!



Are you sure?!!



I-I'm fine...
Your job is to protect Fairy Tail from the enemy right in front of you!!!



Cana!!!

SLUMP



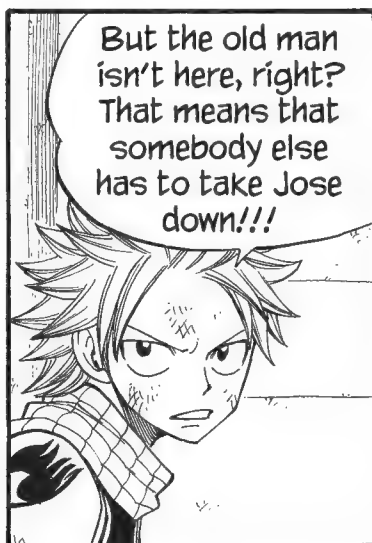
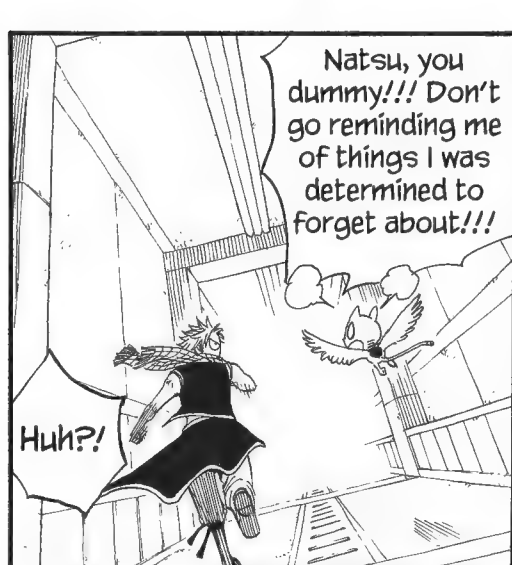
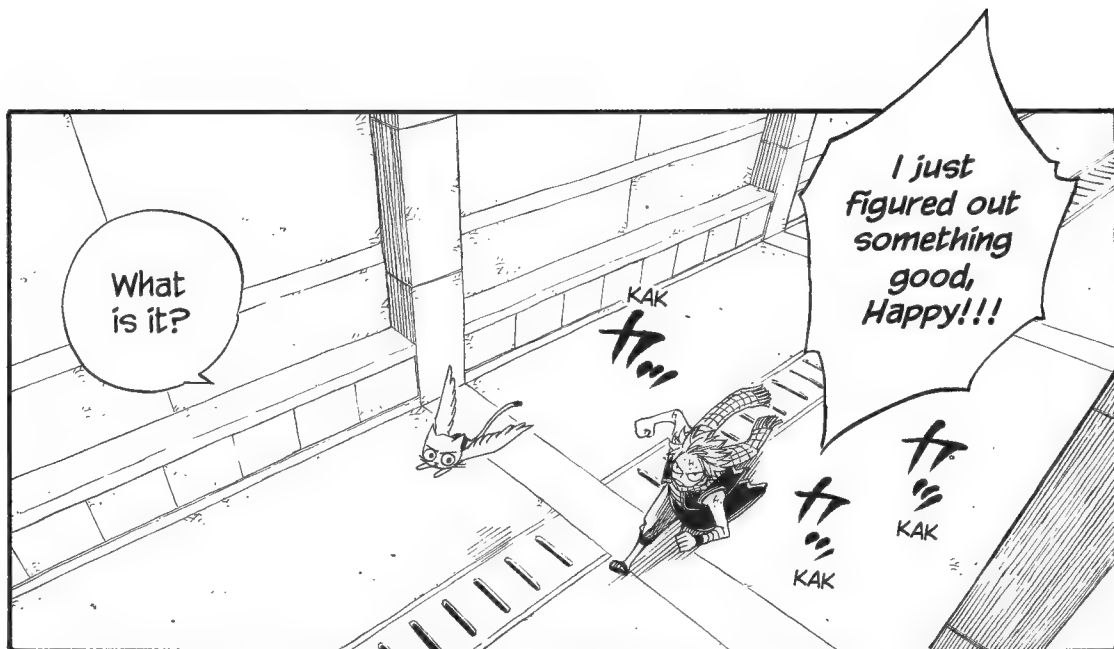
All right!! It looks like Mira came out okay.

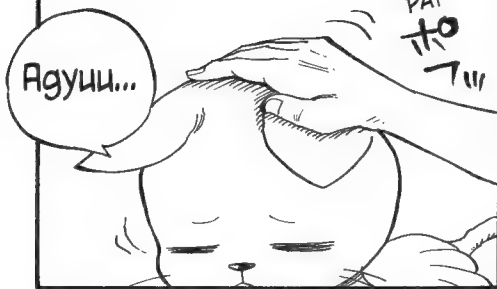


But the real question is, why are the women of our guild so amazingly strong?



She's overdoing it.





Agyuu...

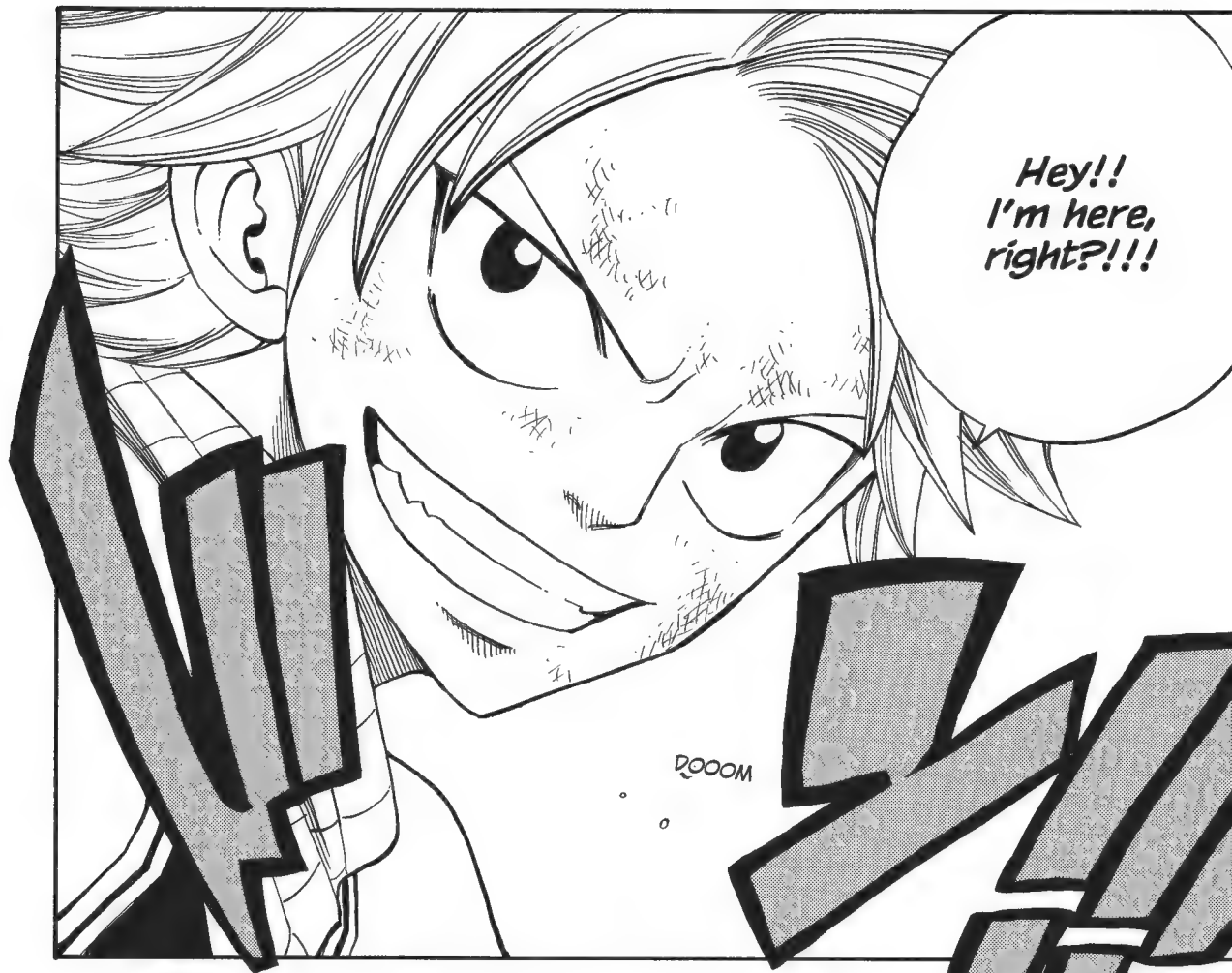
PAT
とほ
とほ

No matter
how our
individual
battles turn
out, in the
end, Jose
will...

DROOP
とほ
とほ



It's true...
The Master...
and even
Erza...are out
of action...



Hey!!
I'm here,
right?!!!

DOOM

...but Natsu's the
one everybody
depends on.
He must have
something special
about him...

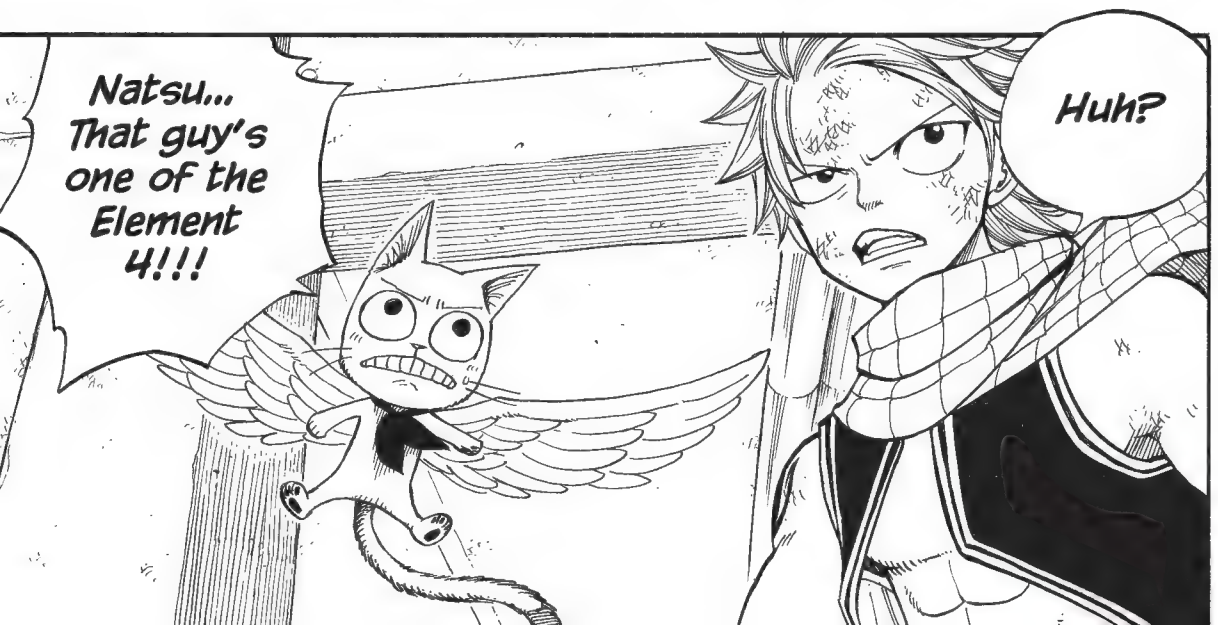
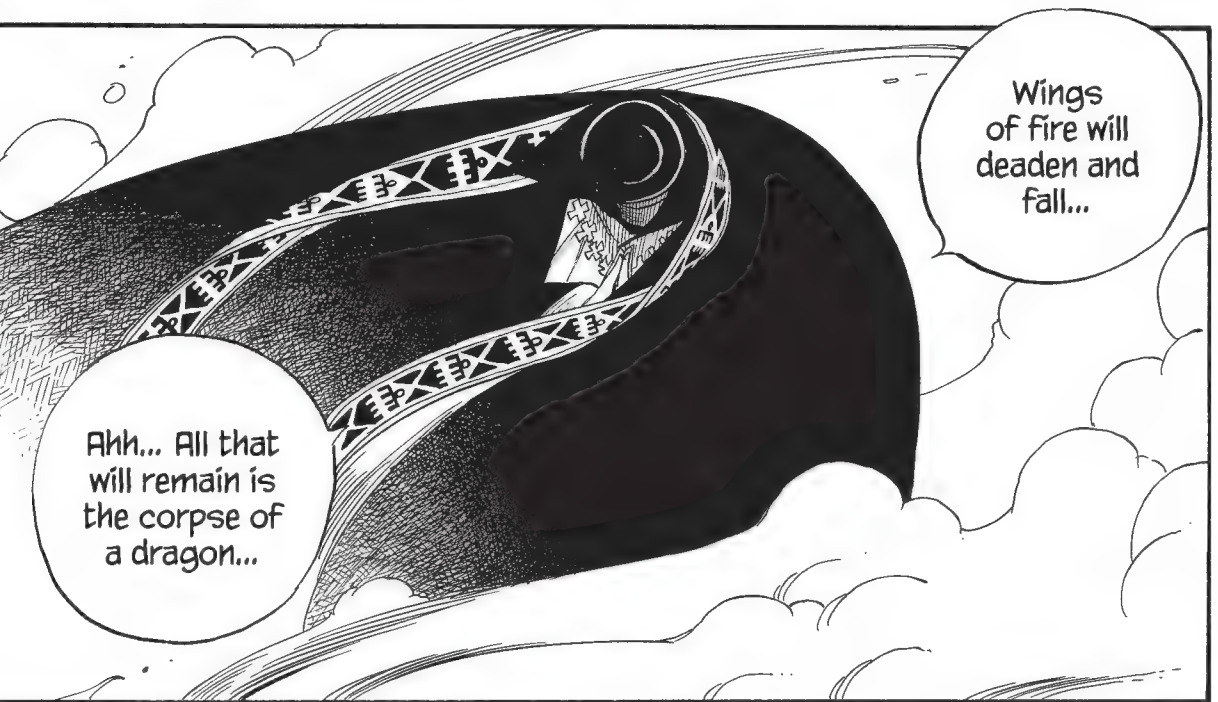
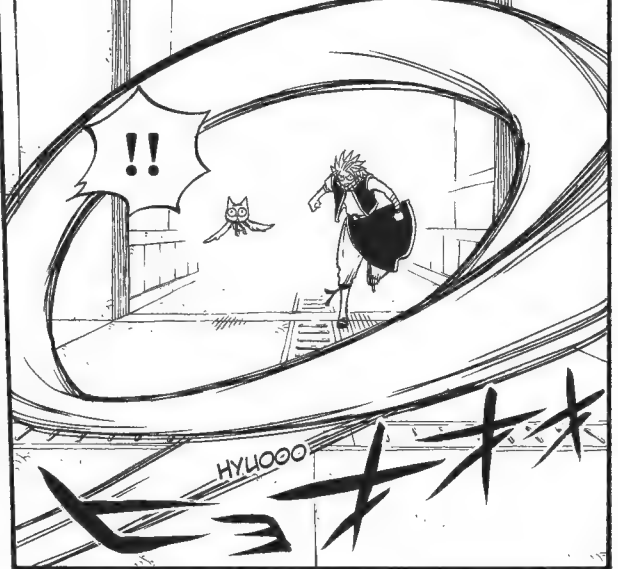
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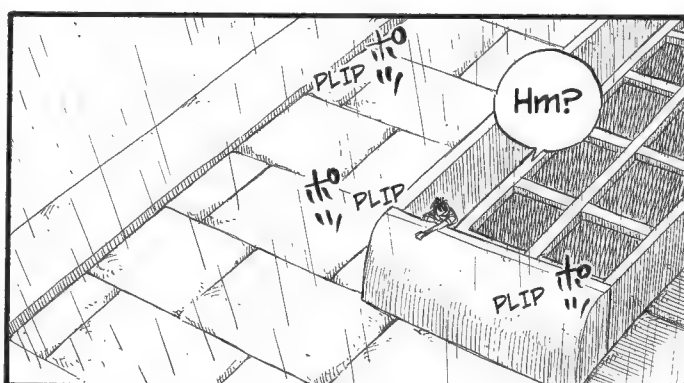
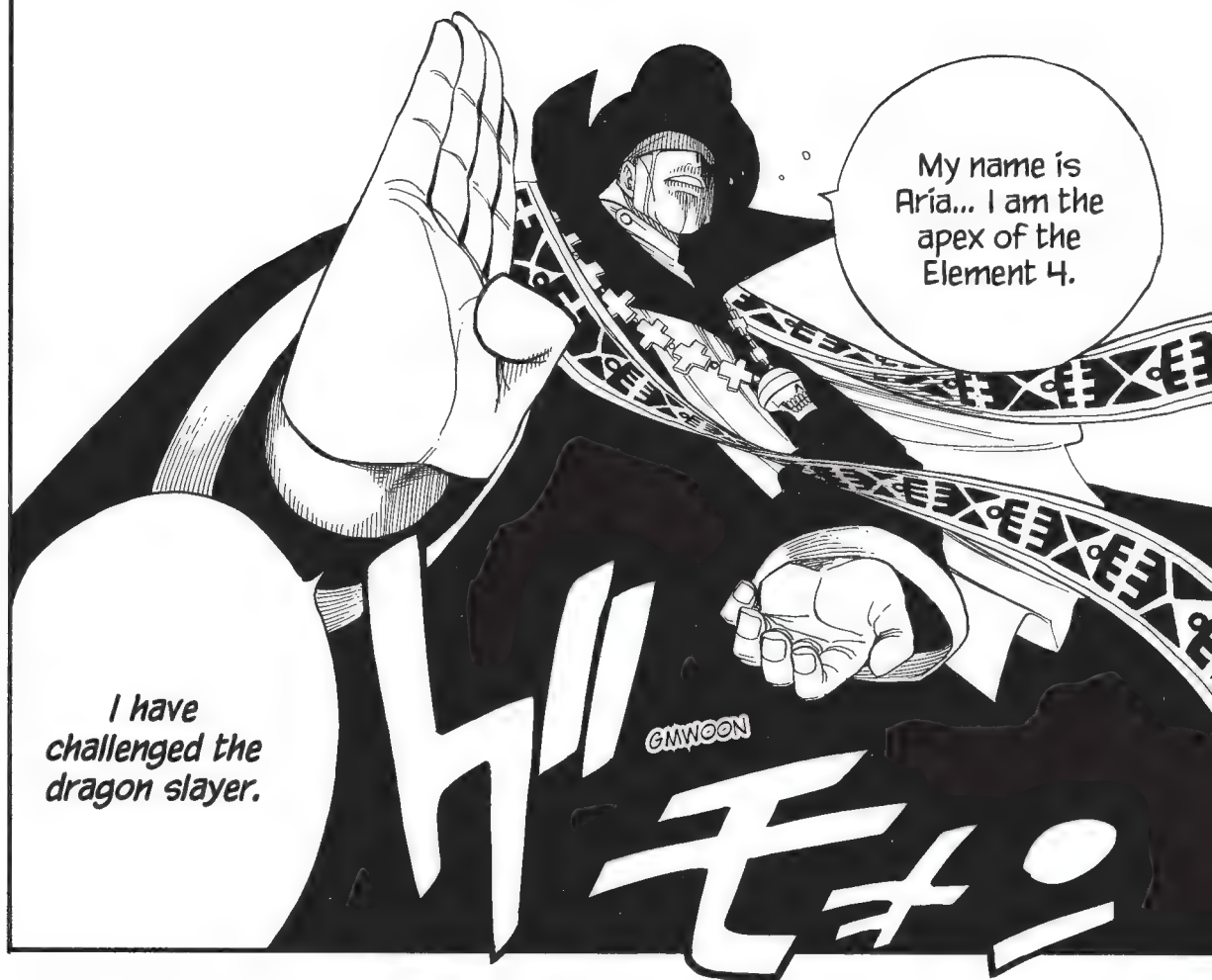


I wonder
why it is...?
Both the
Master and
Erza have
greater
magical
power...

Right?









Yes... Juvia
is the rain-
woman of the
Element 4.

Steady and
gentle...

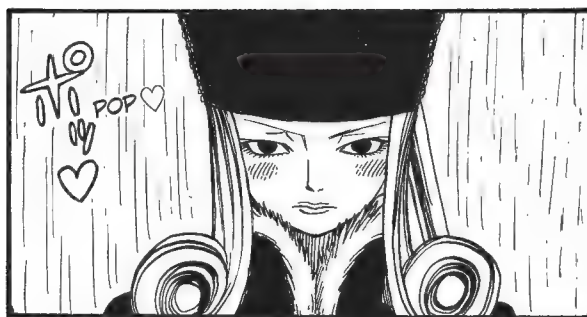
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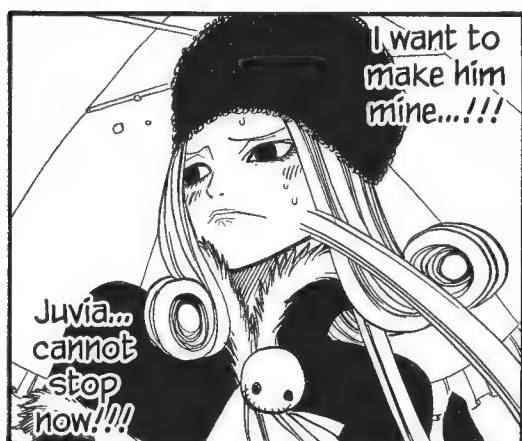
SHHHHH

Element 4?

However, you
must not
assume that
Juvia or Aria
are easily
beaten.

I never
believed that
two of the
Element 4
would be
defeated.



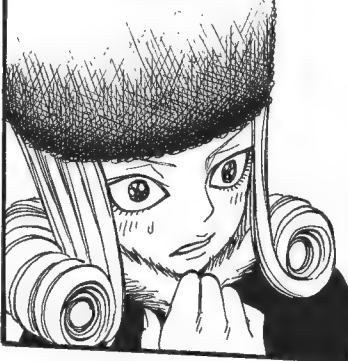




He and
I...Ice and
water...
Could it
possibly
be...
fate?!!

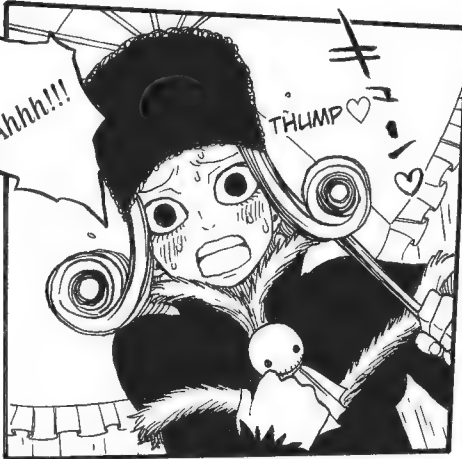


He froze it and broke
it apart... Juvia
thought that her water
lock could never be
broken...!!!



Ahhh!!!

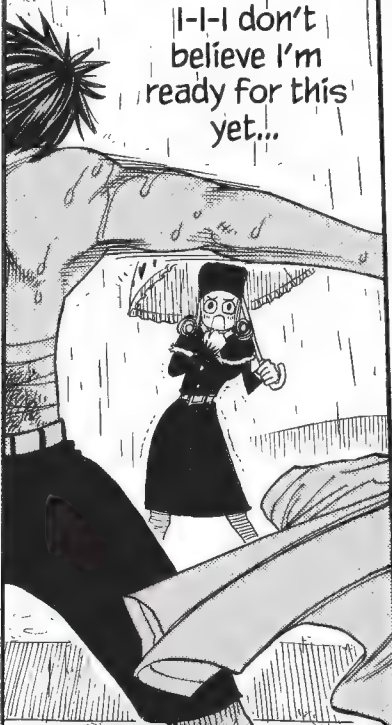
THUMP



Now
you did
it, you
jerk!!!



Wh-Why...does
he tear off his
clothes so...?
I-I-I don't
believe I'm
ready for this
yet...

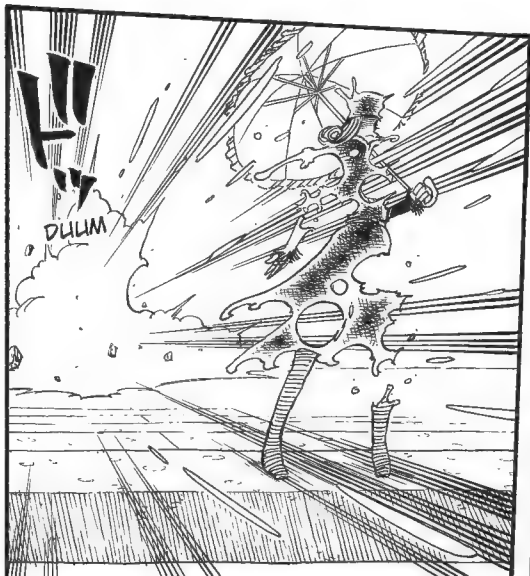
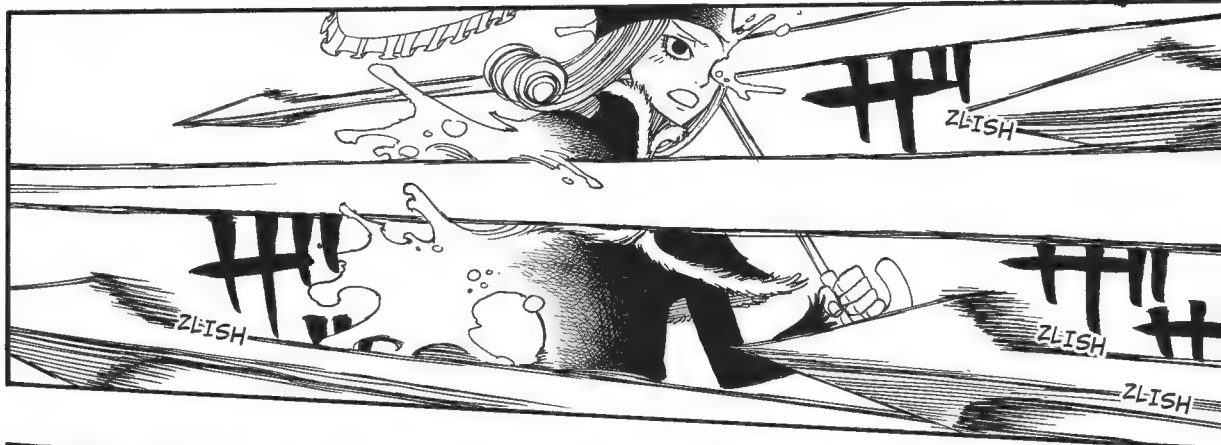
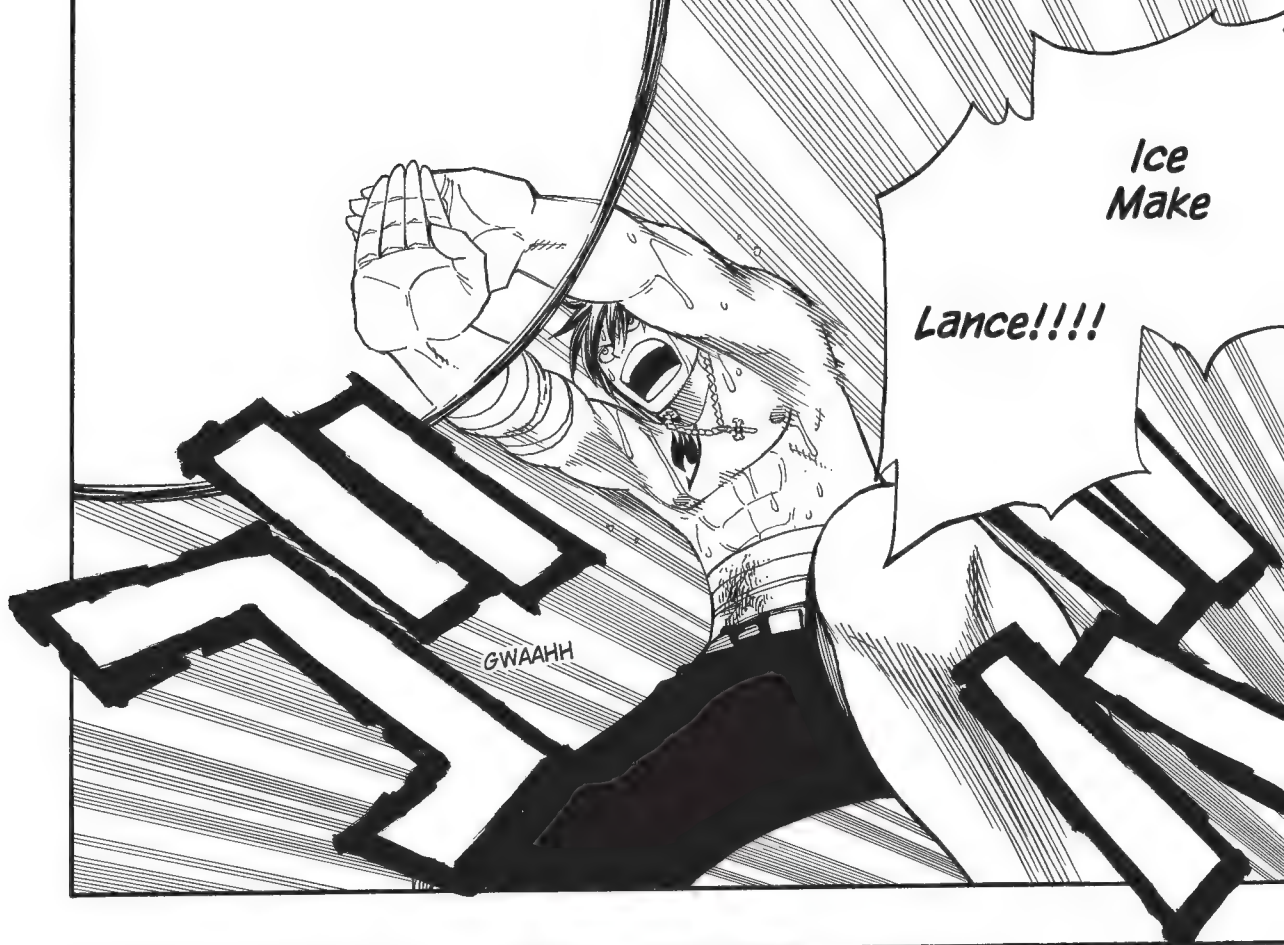


Oww...

WHOOSH

ズッ









Farewell
tiny flower
bud of
love!!!!

Water
Slicer!!!!

GSHUUU



Gwaahn
!!!!



What
the heck
is she
talking
about?!!



Ice
Make...



Kh...





Both of our
guilds have
gone too far
to pull back
now!!!

Don't give
me crap like
that!!!



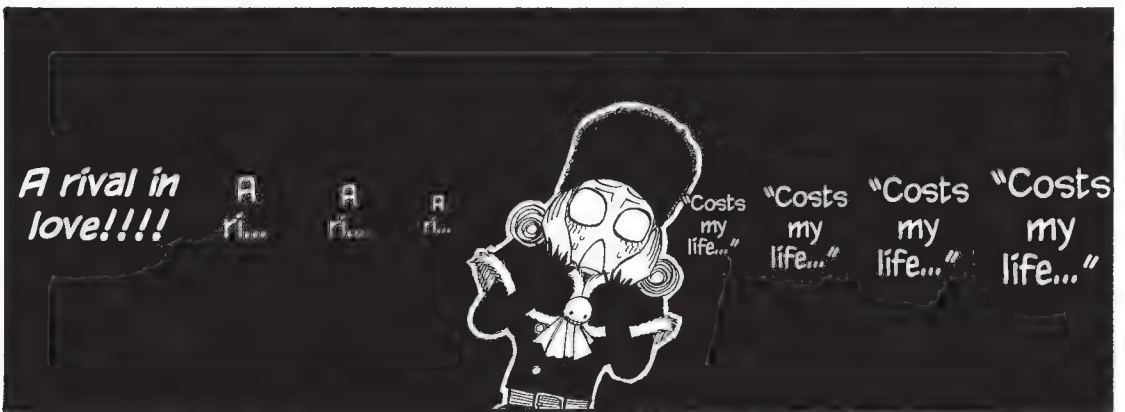
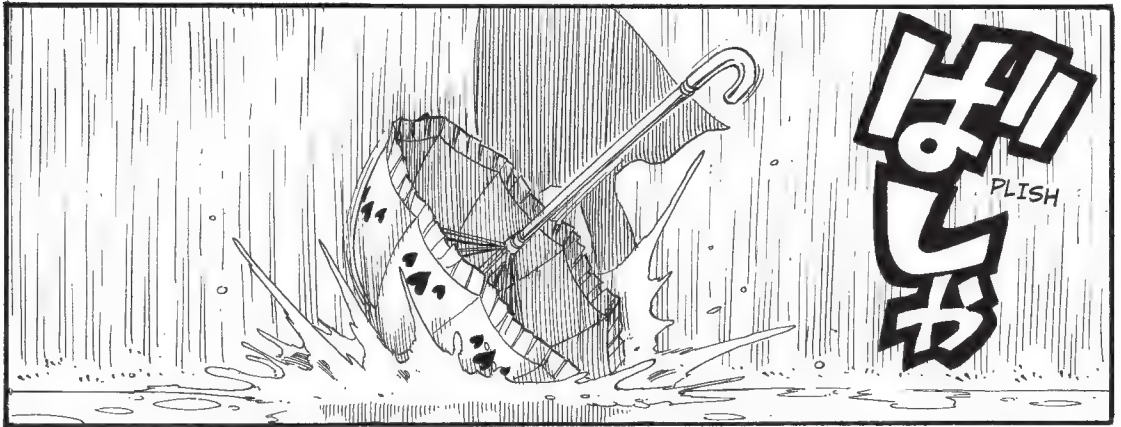
If you do, I'll
do my best
to convince
the Master
to pull back.

*Please
bring
Lucy
here.*



*Lucy
is one of
us!!!*

*And I won't
hand her
over, even if
it costs my
life!!!!*





TO BE CONTINUED

FAIRY TAIL



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The *Fairy Tail* Guild d'Art is an explosion of fan art! Please send in your black-and-white art on large postcard stock!! Those chosen to be published will get a signed mini poster!! Make sure you write your real name and address on the back of your postcard!

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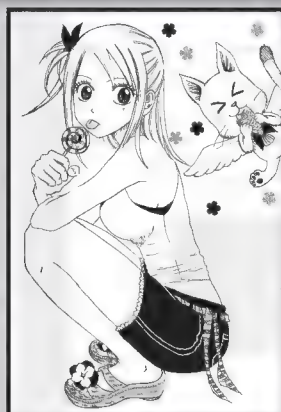
Hiroshima Prefecture, Iwamori Yûka



Fukushima Prefecture, Kasuga Hikari

► Ur... She's so cool, huh? All my best to Ulfear, her daughter too!

► Oh ho!! An unusual character makes her appearance!!



Oita Prefecture, Kazaneko



Nara Prefecture, Sorano Yukimi



Rejection

► So well drawn!! This person must be experienced in drawing the human form.

► She says she loves this team of three!! Thank you!!!



Nagano Prefecture, Getta



Shimane Prefecture, Iruka

► Everyone looks like they're having so much fun!! Great facial expressions!

► The top three of Fairy Tail! (Probably.)

Rejection Corner

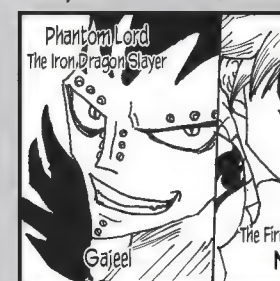
◀ All right... Exactly as you wish...
Tôyama Prefecture, Impact Absorber



Fukushima Prefecture, Narumi



Okayama Prefecture, Ikuma



Hokkaido, Takayama Yûki

► Nor, nor, nor!! It is not Soru!! It is Monsieur Sol!!

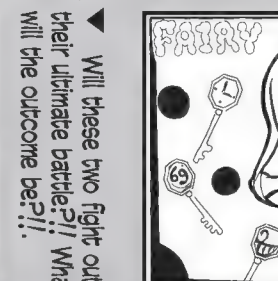
► Elfman's popularity is really on the rise!! What did you think of his part in this volume?



Chiba Prefecture, Jelly



Osaka, Haruna



Shizuoka Prefecture, Orako

► Maybe the "Entei" (Fire Emperor) armor will come some time later in the manga... (sweat, sweat)

► Everybody cheer!! Hurray! Hurray! Ma-shi-ma!!



Fukushima Prefecture, Kai



► Everybody knows that the Palace of the Water Bearer refers to the star sign Aquarius, right?

► Well... Let's just leave it at that. (laughs)

► Wow!! So cute!! I wonder what kind of dream she's having!

GUILD D'ART, STAFF EDITION!!

A bit of artwork that got caught up in the confusion.



Nakamura Shô



Bozu



Ueda Yui



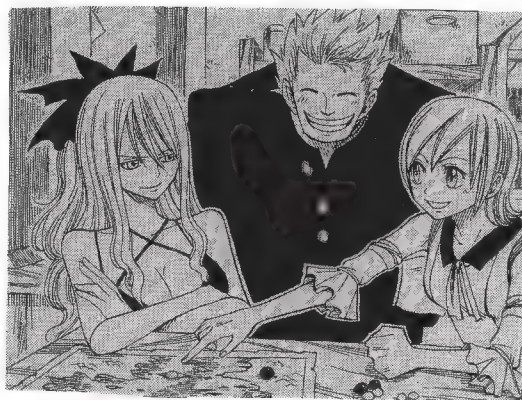
Bobby Ôsawa

I can see why everyone would be nervous.

Mira: That's true. Sometimes the Master says, "I wonder if I'm the next to die!" and "It seems like a real possibility" and "I could just cry!" He seems really worried about it.

Lucy: Oh, dear... (sweat, sweat)

Mira: Let's go to the next question, shall we?



I-is the one on the left... really...M-Mira-chan?

Shudder, shudder!

Lucy: : Eh? Why would anyone bother to ask such an obvious question?

Lucy: B-But there's something about the girl in the picture that doesn't seem like you!

Mira: You think so? Well, I *was* quite young.♥

Lucy: A-And scary...

Mira: It was a fun time!! Elfman was a loose cannon who I always had to keep my eye on. But we'd go taking Lisanna with us...

Lucy: : Mira-san...

Lucy: : And we'd get into all sorts of brawls with Erza or Natsu and the gang...

Lucy: : Ehhhhh?!!!

Mira: That's what it means to be young, Lucy! Everybody does it, don't they?

Lucy: Normally, girls don't get into that kind of stuff...

Mira: And now on to our last question.



So what exactly is "that"?

Lucy: Urk! That's right!! I never did find out!!

Mira: Heh heh... Oh, of course, "that"!

Lucy: ?

Mira: We're still keeping it a secret.♥

Lucy: *What the heck is "that"?!!*

We're collecting questions about *Fairy Tail*! Send them to the address below!

↓

Hiro Mashima
Kodansha Comics
451 Park Ave. South, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10016



From the Fairy Tail Bar

Lucy: : Hello there!! I'm Lucy, the cute and sexy manager of Fairy Tail!!

Mira: : The author just loves to draw Lucy, doesn't he... Heh heh.

Lucy: Oh, he's just a lecher!! Really!! All he ever thinks about is sex!!

Mira: Let's get started. We've received a bunch of questions after people read volume 6.



Does the strength of the celestial spirits change according to the magical power of the wizard using them?

Lucy: That's right.

Mira:

Lucy:

Mira: Is that all?

Lucy: I know what you want to say!! That the keys I have to the Twelve Golden Gates are wasted on me, right?

Mira: You knew exactly what I wanted to say.

Lucy: *On!!* That knife in my back hurts!! Sniff...

Mira: But we don't know what the future holds. When Lucy trains herself up to be a powerful wizard, I'd like to see what that bull looks like!

Lucy: Oh, Mira-san!! Sniff...

Mira: Just think of the T-bone barbecue we'll have then!!

Lucy: : You can't eat him!!!!

Mira: Now on to the next question.



Is Levy-chan still alive?

Lucy: Of course she is!!

Mira: Don't worry. Jet and Droy are alive and kicking too.

Lucy: : But with the author's previous work, leading characters died off, one after the other.

Little Happy's Job

4

This time, our job is to make sure a failing restaurant turns over a new leaf to become very popular.

But I have the feeling that this isn't a job for wizards.

Tomekko Restaurant



We're supposed to make this thing popular?



You underestimate me, Lucy!! It's one step better than what I was imagining!

Yeah, yeah!

Whoa! It's in worse condition than anybody could ever imagine!



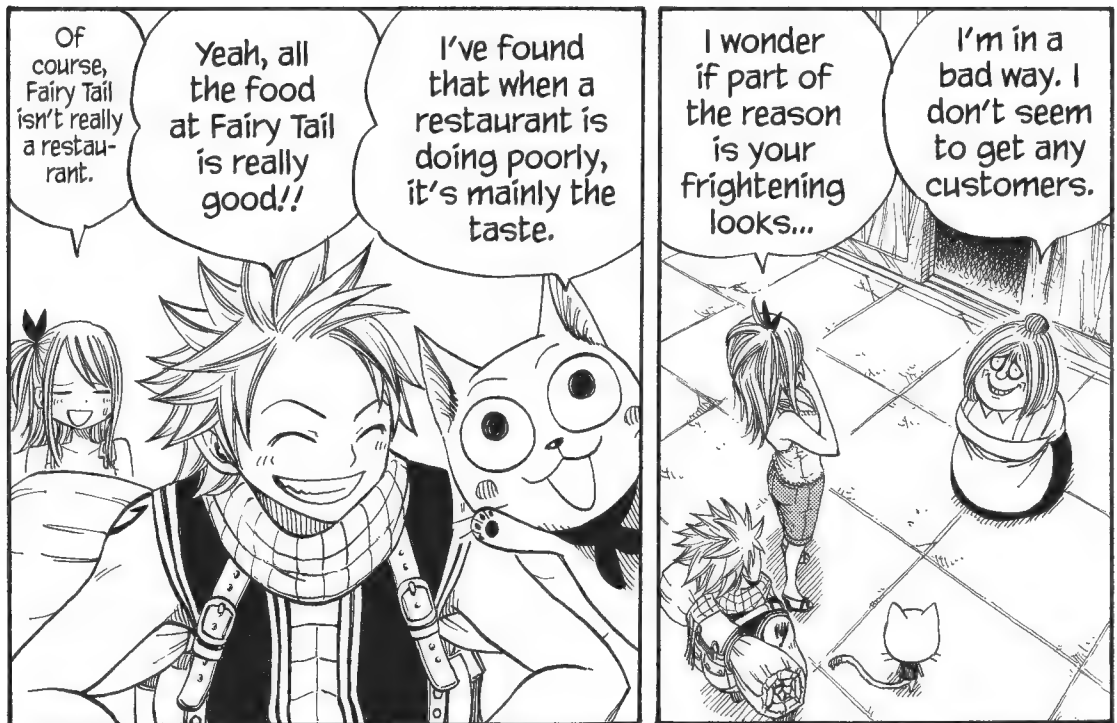
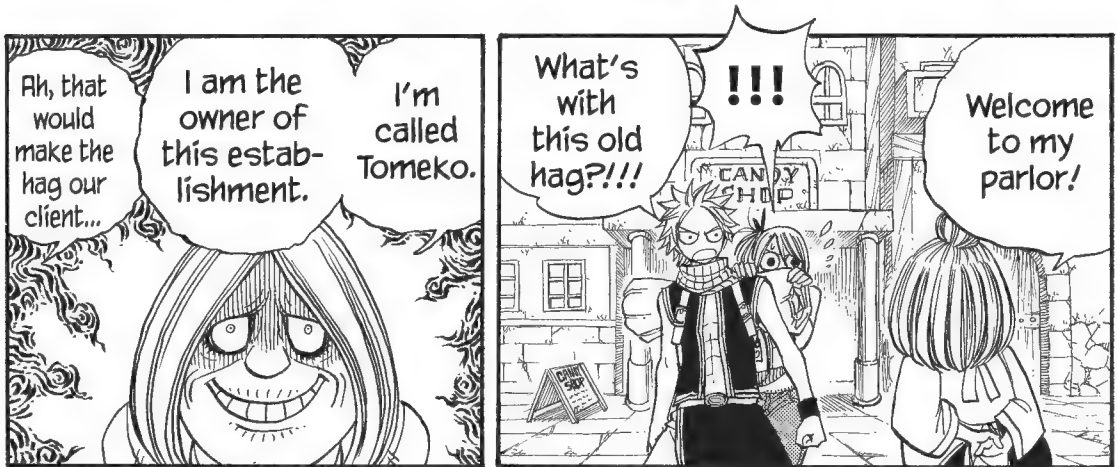
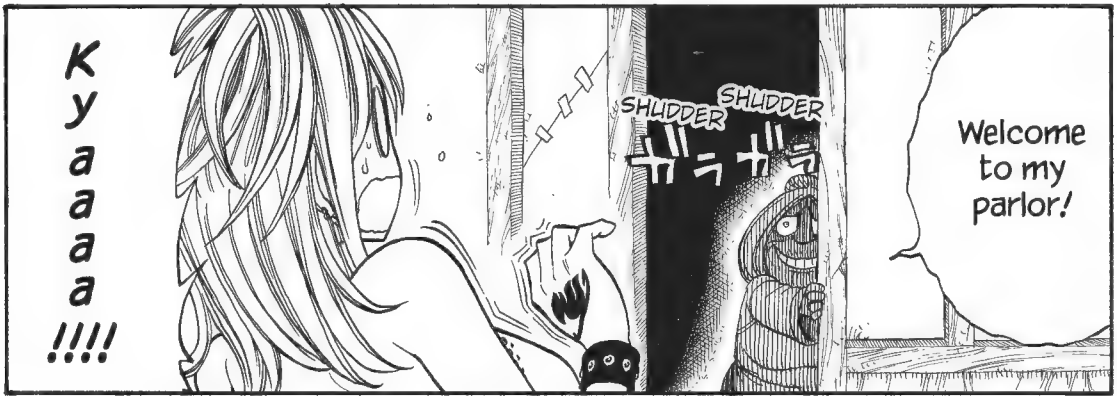
Well, it's certainly popular with Natsu.

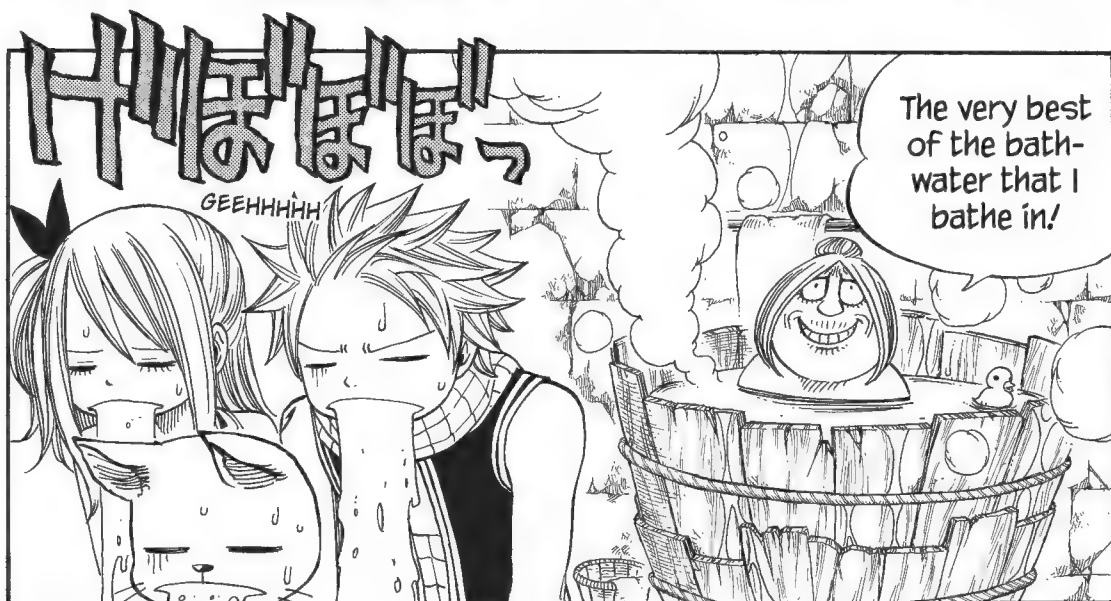
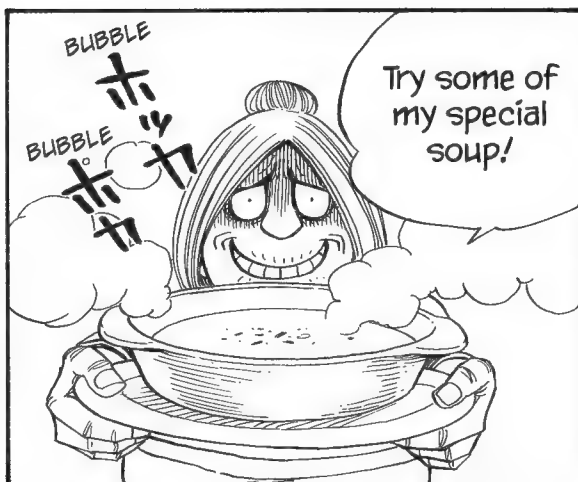
Wha ha!!

**BAMM
BAMM**

KRUMBLE

Wha ha!!! Look at this!! It's totally falling apart!!!







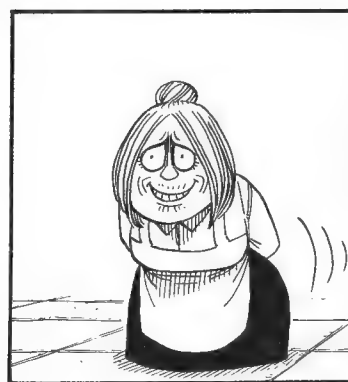
*Just try
yelling
that!!!!*

*If you want
great food,
come to
Tomekko
Restaurant!!!!*



*That'll
scare
them
away!!!*

*I still
have used-
bath-water
soup for
anybody
who wants
some!!!!*



*WHOOSH
はっ*

*I have no
choice left.
I'll have to
bring out
the secret
weapon!*



*Not you
too,
Natsu?!!*

*But
it tastes
unexpectedly
good!!!!*



You can try
some of my
homemade
cooking!!

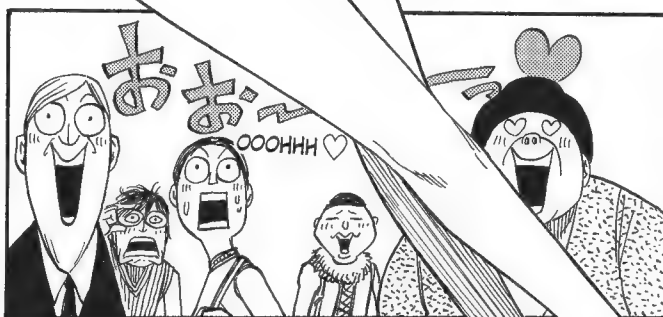


Please
come eat at
Tomekko
restaurant!!



I can't believe
how many
times she
does this.

There
she goes
again.



I'm what
Tomekko is all
about!





Now that it's
come to this,
I have to step
in!!



I step aside
for no woman
in the sexy
department!!

Lady, you
really
don't want
customers,
do you?



THE END

AFTERWORD

I'm sleepy!!! The seasons change, and I just can't keep my eyes open!! (Right now, the season is changing from summer to fall.) Long ago, I could get only a couple of hours sleep and still have lots of energy, but as I get older, that has slowly changed. Even so, I usually get about seven hours of sleep a night, and the other manga authors keep saying things like, "Wow, that's a lot!! I'm jealous!!" But even so, when I get sleepy, I get really sleepy. And with that, and the fact that I do work that takes long hours, I've figured out ways to deal with my sleepiness while I'm drawing my manga!

1 · I talk with the staff.

It depends on how much people are into the conversation, of course, but it can really charge my batteries back up! There are a lot of times when I even forget how sleepy I was! ○

2 · Coffee and Cigarettes.

I go to the veranda and smoke one cigarette and come back to life! I have the feeling that coffee doesn't work on me anymore, so I use it more as a comfort drink. △

3 · Play.

I watch DVDs, play games, go outside for a bit, and come back refreshed!! But while I'm doing it, I can get absorbed, and the manga doesn't get drawn! △

4 · Sleep.

You know, just stop fighting it and get some sleep! And when you do, you don't just get rid of the sleepiness, you also get your strength back. ○

Yeah, I know!! When you're sleepy, you should sleep! And to take my own advice...Good night, everybody!!

About the Creator

HIRO MASHIMA was born May 3, 1977, in the Nagano prefecture. His series *Rave Master* has made him one of the most popular manga artists in America. *Fairy Tail*, currently being serialized in *Weekly Shonen Magazine*, is his latest creation.

Translation Notes

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction in our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

General Notes: Wizard

In the original Japanese version of *Fairy Tail*, you'll find panels in which the English word "wizard" is part of the original illustration. So this translation has taken that as its inspiration and translated the word *madōshi* as "wizard." But *madōshi*'s meaning is similar to certain Japanese words that have been borrowed by the English language, such as judo (the soft way) and kendo (the way of the sword). *Madō* is the way of magic, and *madōshi* are those who follow the way of magic. So although the word "wizard" is used in the original dialogue, a Japanese reader would be likely to think not of traditional Western wizards such as Merlin or Gandalf, but of martial artists.

Names

Hiro Mashima has graciously agreed to provide official English spellings for just about all of the characters in *Fairy Tail*. Because this version of *Fairy Tail* is the first publication of most of these spellings, there will inevitably be differences between these spellings and some of the fan interpretations that may have spread throughout the Web or in other fan circles. Rest assured that the spellings contained in this book are the spellings that Mashima-sensei wanted for *Fairy Tail*.

The Moon Can Be Hidden by Clouds, page 3

"The Moon Can Be Hidden by Clouds; Flowers Can Be Scattered by the Wind," is a Japanese proverb (*kotowaza*) that means that nothing in this world is certain.

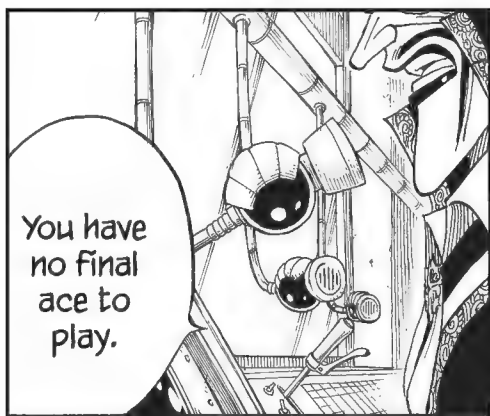
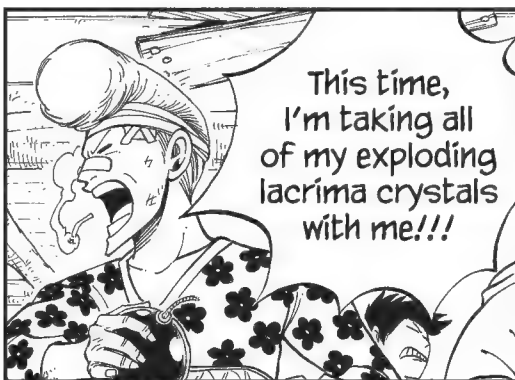


Konzern, page 36

Konzern is a German word that Japanese sometimes borrows to refer to a business empire.

Lacrima, page 59

Lacrima is Latin for “tear,” and the word has been used in Japanese to describe certain types of crystals and beads. The *Fairy Tail* universe seems to use the word for magical crystals.



Final ace, page 80

This is an approximate translation. In Japanese, Jose said, “You will never have your triumphal song.” That doesn’t really come across in English as well as I wanted it to, so I changed the reference to playing aces in cards, which conveyed the same feeling without the unusual concept.

Salut, page 132

Salut is French for "greetings."

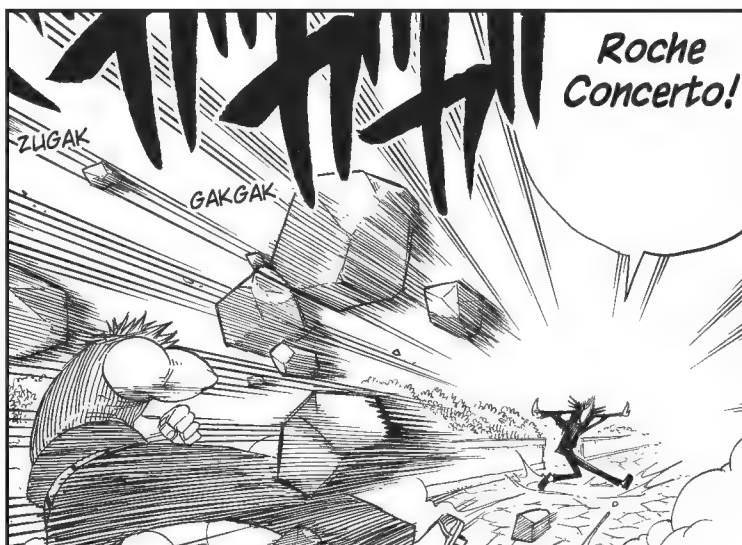


Sable Dance, page 137

Sable is French for "sand."

Roche Concerto, page 138

Roche is French for "rock."





***Sonate plâtrée*, page 142**

Sonate plâtrée is French for "Plaster sonata."



***Quoi?*, page 146**

Of course, *quoi* means "what" in French.



maneki neko, page 190

Most Japanese businesses have a ceramic cat figure with one paw raised in a “come here”-like invitation and a traditional-style gold coin held close to its body. It is a good-luck charm made especially for businesses (but other establishments may also use it). The raised paw is an invitation for customers to come and the gold coin represents financial success.

Circles/triangles/X-marks, page 191

After Mashima-sensei describes his methods for staying awake, he gives them a rating. This rating is very common among Japanese. The circle ○ represents a yes vote, or a stamp of approval. The triangle △ represents a flawed answer that may have good points, but doesn't really cut it. The no vote, or an answer that is completely wrong, is represented by an X-mark, X.



**I went to a signing in Taiwan!!
They gave me such a warm
and passionate welcome!
Some of the fans even brought
me bouquets of flowers!
Really! I was so happy to
be able to have such close
contact with the fans!
I got carried away and
shouted, "Everybody!! I love
you all!" For some reason,
that got printed in the local
newspapers.**

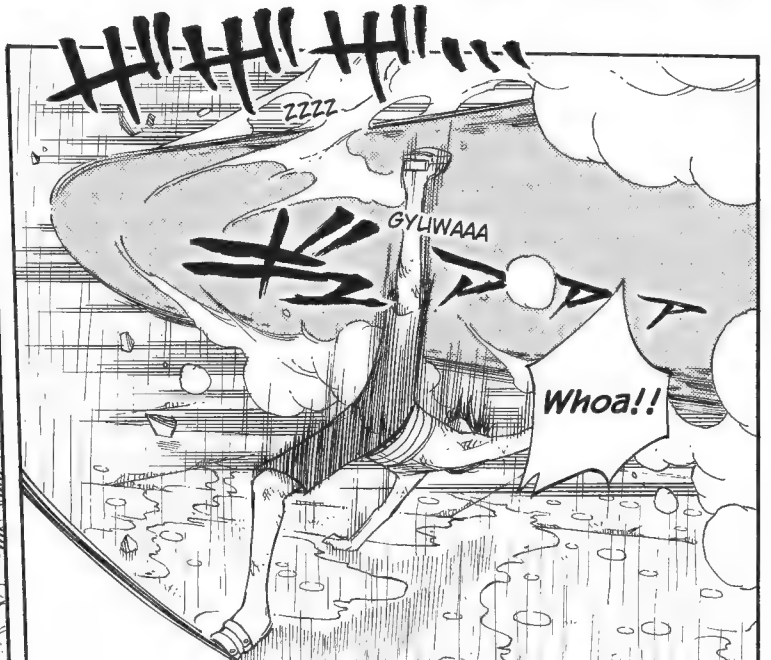
—Hiro Mashima

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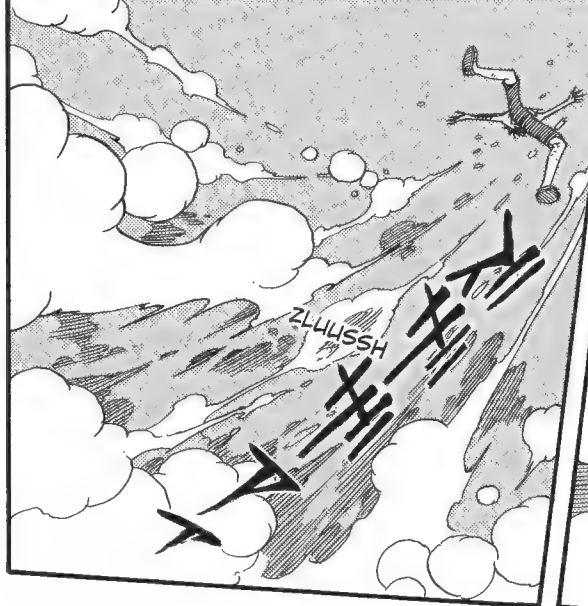












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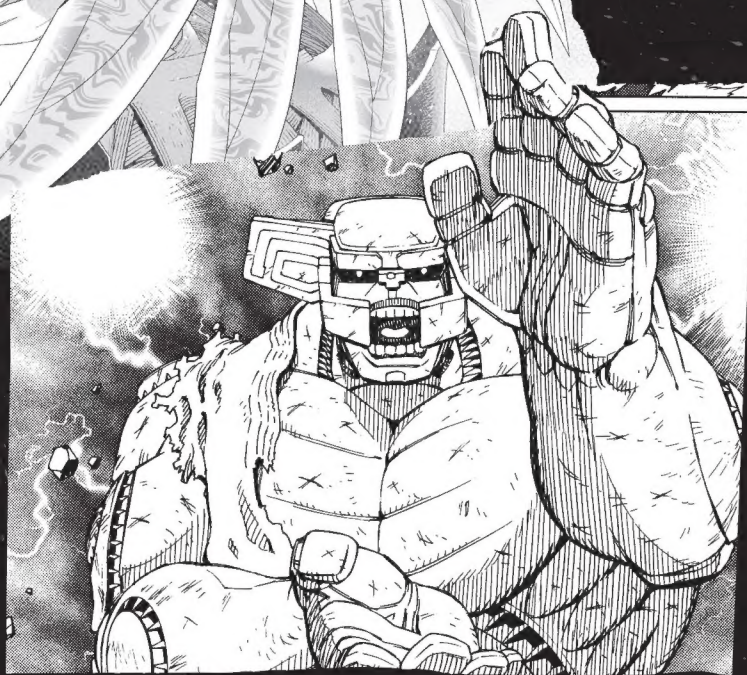
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